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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Provides relative to a special advisory committee for redistricting

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To create the Special Advisory Committee for Redistricting to study and make
3	recommendations to the legislature and the public regarding redistricting.
4	WHEREAS, the drawing of electoral districts is among the most important duties of
5	the legislature; and
6	WHEREAS, increasing transparency and public participation in the redistricting
7	process and promoting public commentary and discussion about redistricting may help the
8	legislature to explore a broader range of representational possibilities relative to
9	configuration of districts around various communities of interest; and
10	WHEREAS, the creation of a special advisory committee, composed of persons
11	representing the diversity of the state, may facilitate public participation in the redistricting
12	process and result in better redistricting decision making.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	create the Special Advisory Committee for Redistricting to study and make
15	recommendations to the legislature and the public regarding redistricting.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special advisory committee shall be
17	composed of the following members:
18	(1) A non-voting chairman selected by the chairman of the House Committee on
19	House and Governmental Affairs and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and
20	Governmental Affairs, acting jointly.

1	(2) Three persons selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall
2	reflect the demographic diversity of the state of Louisiana specifically in gender, race,
3	ethnicity, and political party affiliation, but who shall not be legislators.
4	(3) Three persons selected by the president of the Senate, who shall reflect the
5	demographic diversity of the state of Louisiana specifically in gender, race, ethnicity, and
6	political party affiliation, but who shall not be legislators.
7	(4) Three persons selected by the governor, who shall reflect the demographic
8	diversity of the state of Louisiana specifically in gender, race, ethnicity, and political party
9	affiliation.
10	(5) One person selected by the chief justice of the supreme court.
11	(6) One person selected by the secretary of state.
12	(7) One person selected by the chair of the Democratic Party of Louisiana.
13	(8) One person selected by the chair of the Republican Party of Louisiana.
14	(9) One person selected by the chair of the Independent Party of Louisiana.
15	(10) One person selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the
16	president of the Senate, acting jointly, who is either an academic or legal professional or a
17	demographer with relevant knowledge of or experience with the redistricting process in
18	Louisiana.
19	(11) Two persons selected by the special advisory committee as representatives from
20	nonprofit civic organizations, who shall reflect the demographic diversity of the state of
21	Louisiana specifically in gender, race, ethnicity, and political party affiliation.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any vacancy on the special advisory committee
23	shall be filled in the manner of initial selection as soon as possible.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special advisory committee shall study and
25	make recommendations to the legislature and the public regarding all of the following:
26	(1) Past redistricting proceedings including, at minimum, those from the two most
27	recent redistricting cycles.

(2) Best redistricting practices established in other states.

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1 (3) Redistricting tools and resources that have become available since the most 2 recently completed redistricting cycle, including digital map-drawing tools, redistricting 3 algorithms, and other technological resources. 4 (4) Proposed redistricting plans. 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than July 1, 2020, the speaker of the 6 House of Representatives and the president of the Senate shall send written notice of their 7 intent to constitute the special advisory committee to all members of the legislature, the 8 governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, the secretary of state, and the chairs of the 9 Democratic, Republican, and Independent parties of Louisiana with a request that selections 10 to the special advisory committee made pursuant to this Resolution be submitted not later 11 than July 31, 2020. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special advisory committee shall hold its 13 organizational meeting no later than August 15, 2020, to establish a meeting schedule to 14 enable the committee to perform its functions and duties in the manner required by this 15 Resolution and to conduct any other business deemed necessary. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special advisory committee shall report its 17 findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than March 1, 2021 and may make 18 additional recommendations to the legislature until December 31, 2021, after which time 19 it shall be dissolved. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that speaker of the House of Representatives and the 21 president of the Senate shall designate appropriate staff to provide assistance to the special 22 advisory committee in carrying out its duties and that the special advisory committee may 23 call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or official of the state for data and assistance, 24 and all such departments, agencies, and officials shall cooperate with the special advisory 25 committee. 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the special advisory committee

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shall serve without compensation.

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Creates the Special Advisory Committee for Redistricting to study and make recommendations to the legislature and the public regarding redistricting including past redistricting proceedings, best redistricting practices established in other states, redistricting tools and resources including digital map-drawing tools, redistricting algorithms, and other technological resources, and proposed redistricting plans. Requires the committee to make a report to the legislature no later than March 1, 2021 and dissolves the committee on Dec. 31, 2021.