

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

ELECTIONS: Directs the legislative auditor to include processes regarding elections in its upcoming performance audit of the Department of State

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To direct the legislative auditor to audit the Department of State's policies, procedures, and
3 practices regarding the integrity of elections in Louisiana, including but not limited
4 to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states.

5 WHEREAS, R.S. 24:522(K) requires the legislative auditor to conduct a performance
6 audit of each of the twenty departments of the executive branch of state government at least
7 every seven years; and

8 WHEREAS, the legislative auditor is scheduled to conduct a performance audit of
9 the Department of State in the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and

10 WHEREAS, most states require some type of post-election audit to review the
11 accuracy of the election results and the election process and these types of post-election
12 audits include traditional post-election audits, risk-limiting audits, and procedural audits; and

13 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana require assurance that the entire
14 election process administered and conducted by the Department of State and our election
15 officials, including the secretary of state, clerks of court, registrars of voters, and other
16 election officials across the state, is sufficient to provide for the integrity and security of all
17 elections held within the state.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 direct the legislative auditor to audit the Department of State's policies, procedures, and
20 practices and those of elections officials in this state regarding the integrity of elections in
21 Louisiana, including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best

1 practices used by other states, during the conduct of the performance audit of the Department
2 of State in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 state legislative auditor and the secretary of state.

DIGEST

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Direct the legislative auditor to audit the Dept. of State's policies, procedures, and practices and those of elections officials in this state regarding the integrity of elections in La., including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states, in the performance audit of the department in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.