



1           WHEREAS, some states and counties provide for a plurality vote to elect officers in  
2 a primary election when there are two or more offices of the same character to be filled,  
3 which reduces the number of elections needed to fill such offices; and

4           WHEREAS, a study is needed to analyze the processes and procedures for elections  
5 in Louisiana where two or more offices of the same character are to be filled; and

6           WHEREAS, during federal election years, out-of-state third party groups have  
7 attempted to register voters in Louisiana through door to door and mail voter registration  
8 drives using voter registration applications that were previously completed and various  
9 incorrect mailing lists; it has been reported that some groups have used lists that included  
10 the names of voters who were already registered to vote, deceased individuals, children, and  
11 pets, thereby raising security concerns and causing confusion; and

12           WHEREAS, these third party groups do not always communicate with state and local  
13 election officials to obtain accurate information and reliable data, nor do they alert media  
14 outlets of their activities for outreach to the general public; and

15           WHEREAS, a study is needed to develop recommendations for processes and  
16 procedures for the conduct of third party voter registration drives in Louisiana.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 create a study committee to study elections processes and procedures, including candidate  
19 elections and third party voter registration drives; to hold hearings as necessary; to develop  
20 recommendations for changes to the Louisiana Election Code; and to report its findings and  
21 recommendations to the legislature.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall consist of the following  
23 members:

24           (1) The secretary of state or a designee of the secretary of state.

25           (2) The commissioner of elections or a designee of the commissioner of elections.

26           (3) The attorney general or a designee of the attorney general.

27           (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs or  
28 a designee of the chairman.

29           (5) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs or  
30 a designee of the chairman.

1           (6) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association or a designee of the  
2 president.

3           (7) The president of the Louisiana Registrar of Voters Association or a designee of  
4 the president.

5           (8) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or a designee of the  
6 president.

7           (9) The president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or a designee of the  
8 president.

9           (10) The commissioner of administration or a designee of the commissioner.

10          (11) One member, who shall be appointed by the governor from a list of nominees  
11 submitted by the presidents of Centenary College of Louisiana, Dillard University, Louisiana  
12 College, Loyola University of New Orleans, Tulane University, and Xavier University of  
13 Louisiana, each of whom shall submit one nominee who shall not be an elected or appointed  
14 public official.

15          (12) The chairperson of the Louisiana Democratic Party or a designee of the  
16 chairperson.

17          (13) The chairman of the Louisiana Republican Party or a designee of the chairman.

18          (14) A representative of the Advocacy Center appointed by the executive director  
19 of the Advocacy Center.

20          (15) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or a designee  
21 of the president.

22          (16) The president of the Council for A Better Louisiana or a designee of the  
23 president.

24          (17) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or a  
25 designee of the president.

26          (18) The president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO or a designee of the president.

27          (19) A member of the League of Women Voters appointed by the secretary of state  
28 from a list of nominees submitted by each chapter of the League of Women Voters in the  
29 state of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state or a designee of the  
2 secretary of state shall call the first meeting of the study committee, and at the meeting the  
3 study committee shall elect a chairman and such other officers as the study committee deems  
4 necessary.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the study committee shall  
6 appoint a recorder to serve without compensation as the need may arise.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the secretary of state shall provide  
8 staffing along with appropriate legislative staff as approved by the presiding officers of the  
9 legislature to facilitate the duties of the study committee.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall report its findings and  
11 recommendations to the legislature no later than March 1, 2016.

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DIGEST

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Creates a study committee to study elections processes and procedures, including candidate elections and third party voter registration drives; to develop recommendations for changes to the La. Election Code related thereto; and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than March 1, 2016. Additionally, provides for the composition of the study committee.