



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5820**

LCO No. 4533



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY RANKED-CHOICE VOTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the implementation for state or municipal elections of a  
3 method known as ranked-choice voting, or the casting and tabulating  
4 of votes in which (1) voters rank candidates in order of preference, (2)  
5 tabulation proceeds in sequential rounds in which last-place  
6 candidates are defeated and until one candidate receives over fifty per  
7 cent of the votes cast, and (3) the candidate receiving over fifty per cent  
8 of the votes cast is deemed to have been elected to such office. Such  
9 study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the  
10 feasibility of implementing such method in the state, what current  
11 election administration processes would need to be changed to  
12 effectuate such a method, any potential costs, issues and benefits  
13 relating to such method and any recommended statutory changes  
14 necessary to implement such method.

15 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
17 one of whom has expertise in election administration;

18 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
19 of whom is a registrar of voters;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, who is a town clerk;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has  
23 expertise in municipal elections;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, who has expertise in state elections;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a  
27 registrar of voters;

28 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the secretary's designee; and

29 (8) The executive director of the State Elections Enforcement  
30 Commission, or the executive director's designee.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
32 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
33 of the General Assembly.

34 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
35 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
36 filled by the appointing authority.

37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
38 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
39 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
40 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
41 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the

43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections  
44 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

45 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a  
46 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
47 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
48 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
49 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
50 submits such report or January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a task force to study ranked-choice voting.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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