RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Establishes the Closed Party Primary Task Force to study the development of a closed party primary election system applicable at the federal, state, and local levels beginning with the 2022 congressional elections.

The task force shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) The chair of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, or her designee.
- (2) The chair of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his designee.
- (3) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (4) The attorney general, or his designee.
- (5) The chair of the State Board of Election Supervisors, or his designee.
- (6) A designee from the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.
- (7) A designee from the Louisiana Registrar of Voters Association.
- (8) A designee from the NAACP.
- (9) A designee from the Pelican Institute.
- (10) The chair of the Louisiana Democratic Party, or his designee.
- (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Democratic Party.
- (12) The chair of the Republican Party of Louisiana, or his designee.
- (13) The executive director of the Republican Party of Louisiana.
- (14) A member of the Senate, designated by the Senate president.
- (15) A member of the House of Representatives, designated by the House speaker.
- (16) A designee from Louisiana's congressional delegation.
- (17) A mayor designated by the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The chairwoman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee shall serve as the chair of the task force and the staff of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee shall provide support to the task force.

Provides that a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force and any official action by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

Provides that the names of the members designated or selected as provided herein shall be submitted to the chair of the task force by July 1, 2020, and the chair shall thereafter call the first meeting of the task force by August 15, 2020.

Requires a written report to the legislature by January 15, 2021 and the task force shall terminate upon the date of submission of its report or February 1, 2021, whichever occurs first.