

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 1083**

LCO No. 5824

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO
REGIONALIZE, PROFESSIONALIZE AND ENHANCE ELECTION
ADMINISTRATION.**

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 election administration in the state. Such study shall include,
3 but not be limited to: (1) An examination of methods to regionalize,
4 professionalize and enhance the efficiency of election administration,
5 including the division of duties between the municipal clerk and
6 registrar of voters, representation of minor parties and unaffiliated
7 voters and vacancies in the office of the registrars of voters, and (2)
8 recommendations for any legislation necessary to implement such
9 methods.

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

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 one of whom shall be a member of an organization representing
13 registrars of voters;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
15 of whom shall be a member of an organization representing large
16 municipalities;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, who shall be a town clerk;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
20 a member of an organization representing small municipalities;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a town clerk;

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
24 a member of an organization representing registrars of voters;

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

26 (8) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a
27 member of the general public and one of whom shall be a
28 representative of an organization that promotes voter participation
29 and registration.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1) or
31 (2) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
32 Assembly.

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

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
37 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
38 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
39 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
40 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The last
41 meeting of the task force shall be held not later than December 15,
42 2015.

43 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
45 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a
47 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
50 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
51 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

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