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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5417

House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE USE OF
BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TO MANAGE ELECTOR
INFORMATION.***

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 feasibility of using blockchain technology to manage
3 elector information. Such study shall include, but need not be limited
4 to, an examination of the feasibility of implementing such technology
5 in the state, which current election administration processes would
6 need to be changed in order to use such technology and any potential
7 costs and benefits, including any potential issues such as security
8 concerns, related to implementing such technology to manage elector
9 information for state or municipal elections.

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 has expertise in blockchain technology and one of whom
13 is a representative of a municipal organization;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
15 of whom is a registrar of voters and one of whom is a cybersecurity
16 expert or elections systems technology expert;

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

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

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who is a registrar of voters;

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has
24 expertise in blockchain technology;

25 (7) The Chief Information Officer, or the officer's designee;

26 (8) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

27 (9) The executive director of the State Elections Enforcement
28 Commission, or the executive director's designee; and

29 (10) A representative from The University of Connecticut Center for
30 Voting Technology Research, designated by the director of said center.

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, including any
47 recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections,
49 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
50 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
51 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

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study the use of blockchain technology to manage elector information. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections Committee by January 1, 2020.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

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Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/06/2019)