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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***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, what 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;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

14 of whom is a registrar of voters;

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (9) The executive director of the State Elections Enforcement
26 Commission, or the executive director's designee.

27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

41 (g) Not later than January 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a
42 report on its findings and recommendations, including any
43 recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections,
45 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
46 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
47 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 the use of blockchain technology to manage elector information.

[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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