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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON
CERTAIN STATE APPOINTIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR
CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE
DEPARTMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-9b of the general statutes
2 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2021*):

4 (a) (1) (A) [Appointing] Prior to January 1, 2025, appointing
5 authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall make a good faith
6 effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the membership, except the
7 ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,
8 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or
9 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and closely
10 reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state.

11 (B) On and after January 1, 2025, appointing authorities, in
12 cooperation with one another, shall ensure that the membership, except

13 the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,
14 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or
15 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and reflects
16 the gender and racial diversity of the state according to the most recent
17 federal decennial census.

18 (2) If there are multiple appointing authorities for [a] any board,
19 commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this
20 subsection, the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their
21 appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with
22 this section.

23 (3) Appointing authorities for any board, commission, committee or
24 council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall (A) consider
25 each recommendation for appointment of a member to any such board,
26 commission, council or other agency made by any community or other
27 similar organization representing the interests of gender or racial
28 diversity, and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for
29 such appointment that reflect such diversity. The Commissioner of
30 Administrative Services shall develop public education and outreach
31 strategies with such community or other similar organizations to
32 increase awareness of, and recruit diverse applicants for, such
33 appointments.

34 (b) (1) [The] At the time of a member's appointment to any state
35 appointive board, commission, committee or council described in
36 subsection (a) of this section, such member shall submit to the Secretary
37 of the State data concerning such member's gender and race. In addition,
38 the executive officer or chairperson of each such state appointive board,
39 commission, committee and council, [having members appointed by the
40 Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly,] except
41 committees whose membership consists solely of members of the
42 General Assembly, shall report in writing to the Secretary of the State
43 on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and
44 biennially thereafter, [(1)] (A) the number of members of such body, and

45 [(2)] (B) the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex",
46 as defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and
47 Opportunities. Such report shall not include the names of the individual
48 members of the board, commission, committee or council.

49 (2) The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the data and
50 reports submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records. In
51 addition, not later than January 1, 2022, and every five years thereafter,
52 the Secretary shall develop and publish, including on the Internet web
53 site of the office of the Secretary of the State, a report regarding the
54 composition of each state appointive board, commission, committee or
55 council described in subsection (a) of this section.

56 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) The executive director of the
57 Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall create, maintain and
58 make accessible on the Internet web site of the General Assembly a
59 system through which an individual may electronically submit a name
60 to be considered for appointment as a member to a board, commission,
61 council or other agency within the Legislative Department. Such system
62 shall include information about each such board, commission, council
63 or other agency and specify any requirements for membership on such
64 board, commission, council or other agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	4-9b(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2021	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) achieve gender and racial diversity on certain state appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils that reflects the population of the state, and (2) create an online system for consideration of appointments within the Legislative Department.

[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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