



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5461

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN VOTING PROCEDURES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study all revisions to the general statutes necessary to effectively
3 implement procedures for early voting and no-excuse absentee voting,
4 whenever such voting may be authorized under the Constitution of the
5 state.

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

7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

9 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
10 Representatives;

11 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

12 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
13 Representatives;

14 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

15 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

16 (8) Two designated by the president of the Registrars of Voters
17 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different
18 political party from the other; and

19 (9) One designated by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks
20 Association.

21 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
22 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
23 of the General Assembly.

24 (d) All initial appointments or designations, as applicable, to the task
25 force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of
26 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or designating
27 authority, as applicable.

28 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
29 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
30 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
31 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
32 November 15, 2022.

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

36 (g) Not later than February 15, 2023, the task force shall submit a
37 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
38 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
39 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
40 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
41 submits such report or February 15, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a), "state constitution" was changed to "Constitution of the state" for consistency.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*