



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MAKING THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY A FULL-TIME LEGISLATURE.***

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 making the General Assembly a full-time
3 legislature and thereafter compensating members of the General
4 Assembly with a salary equivalent to the state median wage. Such study
5 shall include, but need not be limited to, legal research into what
6 amendments to the Constitution of the state would be required to
7 establish a full-time legislature, an estimate of how a full-time
8 legislature would impact the state budget and a possible timeline for
9 implementation.

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 constitutional law;

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

14 whom has expertise in constitutional law;

15 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom has expertise related to the state budget;

17 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
18 has expertise related to the state budget;

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
20 Representatives; and

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

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

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

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 sixty
32 days after the effective date of this section.

33 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
35 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force. The
36 Office of Legislative Research shall assist the task force in researching
37 full-time legislatures in other states and the Office of Fiscal Analysis
38 shall assist the task force in calculating the increased costs that would
39 be created by making the legislature full time.

40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
41 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
42 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

43 government administration and appropriations and the budgets of state
44 agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
45 general statutes. Such report shall include recommendations for
46 necessary constitutional changes, an estimate of the increased costs
47 entailed by a full-time legislature and a possible timeline for
48 implementation. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
49 submits such report or January 1, 2023, 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 implications of making the General Assembly a full-time legislature.

[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.]