

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Provides for a task force to study the best practices for training poll commissioners

A RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study the best practices for the education and training of poll commissioners and other election workers and to report its findings to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2026, or four months after the final purchase of a new voting system, whichever is later.

WHEREAS, voting is a civic duty of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is protected by the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the immeasurable value one vote can have;
and

WHEREAS, it is important that each Louisiana citizen who is eligible to vote be able to exercise that right; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana is committed to exploring every possible means that may positively affect the potential for every eligible citizen to participate in the life of their community and state by voting; and

WHEREAS, poll commissioners are the front line workers of our democracy, charged with the sacred responsibility of administering Louisiana's elections; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that election workers, including poll commissioners, are knowledgeable about state and federal voting rights; and

WHEREAS, election workers are uniquely tasked with answering questions and understanding the rights of all Louisiana voters, including voters with unique registration

1 and voting circumstances like first-time voters, voters with disabilities, college students, and
2 formerly incarcerated voters.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study and recommend best
5 practices for the education and training of poll commissioners and other election workers,
6 including the substance, methods, and frequency of training and best practices for
7 distributing, amending, and revising training content and materials.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
9 following members:

10 (1) The secretary of state, or a designee of the secretary, who shall chair the task
11 force.

12 (2) The commissioner of elections.

13 (3) The Louisiana Clerks of Court Association shall appoint three members: one
14 commissioner-in-charge from an urban parish, one commissioner-in-charge from a rural
15 parish, and one poll commissioner.

16 (4) The Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association shall appoint one member.

17 (5) The executive director of Disability Rights Louisiana or a designee of the
18 executive director.

19 (6) The executive director of The Arc of Louisiana or a designee of the executive
20 director.

21 (7) The president of Power Coalition for Equity and Justice or a designee of the
22 president.

23 (8) The president of the League of Women Voters of Louisiana or a designee of the
24 president.

25 (9) The executive director of Voice of the Experienced or a designee of the
26 executive director.

27 (10) The president of the NAACP Louisiana State Conference shall appoint one
28 member from the Youth and College Division.

1 (11) The director of the Louisiana State University Lutrill and Pearl Payne School
2 of Education shall appoint one professor with expertise in teaching, curriculum development,
3 and training.

4 (12) The dean of the Southern University Nelson Mandela College of Government
5 and Social Sciences shall appoint one professor with expertise in public administration,
6 curriculum development, and training.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first meeting of the task force shall be called
8 by the chair, and at its first meeting the task force shall select other officers as it deems
9 appropriate.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first meeting of the task force shall take
11 place no later than September 1, 2025.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at least four times at
13 such times and places as determined by the chair.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that materials presented by and to the task force shall
15 be posted on the website of the secretary of state, along with any written comments received
16 from members of the public.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
18 without compensation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
20 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action by the task force shall require
21 an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of State shall provide staff
23 support for the task force.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a written report of its
25 findings, and any recommendations it may have, to the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1, 2026,
27 or four months after the final purchase of a new voting system, whichever is later.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
29 to the governor and the secretary of state and shall be posted on the website of the secretary
30 of state.

DIGEST

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