

1 WHEREAS, analyzing the exact volume and proportion of cases prosecuted under
2 the felony murder doctrine is vital for the legislature to make informed, data-driven policy
3 decisions regarding sentencing that is proportional to the offense.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Task Force on Second Degree Murder to
6 study, analyze, and evaluate the definition, application, and penalty structure of second
7 degree murder in Louisiana.

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

10 (1) The chairwoman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice
11 or her designee.

12 (2) One member of the Louisiana House of Representatives appointed by the
13 speaker.

14 (3) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his
15 designee.

16 (4) The chairwoman of the Board of Pardons or her designee.

17 (5) The executive director of the committee on parole or his designee.

18 (6) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his designee.

19 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association or his
20 designee.

21 (8) The state public defender or his designee.

22 (9) The executive director of the Louisiana Parole Project or his designee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman and vice chairman of the task force
24 shall be elected by a majority of the task force members at its first meeting, which shall be
25 called no later than September 1, 2026, and the members may select other officers as the task
26 force deems appropriate.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at such times and
28 places as determined by its chair.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force constitutes a quorum
2 for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force require the affirmative
3 vote of a majority of the members.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
5 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
6 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order of the House of
8 Representatives or applicable Joint Rules shall apply to all meetings of the task force.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force are subject to the
10 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force are subject to the
11 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the
13 conclusion of its business or February 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Department
15 of Public Safety and Corrections, which shall provide the necessary support and facilities
16 for the task force to perform its duties.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
18 its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2027.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
20 of the task force members provided in this Resolution.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit one print copy and
22 one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution to the David R.
23 Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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