

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR CARTER

VOTERS/VOTING. Creates a task force to study ways to increase early voting in Louisiana with an emphasis on rural communities.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Task Force on Early Voting.

3 WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental component of a democratic society;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, every effort should be made to honor the sacrifices of prior generations
6 by ensuring the right to vote is afforded to all citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, early voting provides a valuable opportunity for more citizens to
8 exercise their right to vote, particularly those in rural communities; and

9 WHEREAS, greater civic participation provides for greater opportunities for
10 representation of all the people of Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, examination of methods by which to facilitate an increase in early
12 voting is vital to ensuring more citizens are able to perform their civic duty and make their
13 voices heard.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby create the Task Force on Early Voting to study ways to increase early voting in
16 Louisiana, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation,
17 by written report to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as
18 required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2023.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should give consideration to the
2 costs, voting locations, and the logistical and administrative challenges associated with early
3 voting and develop pragmatic and equitable solutions to facilitate an increase in early voter
4 turnout.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
6 members:

7 (1) The secretary of state, or his designee.

8 (2) The commissioner of elections, or his designee.

9 (3) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.

10 (4) The chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his
11 designee.

12 (5) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, or his designee.

13 (6) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a parish that
14 does not contain a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the
15 2020 federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the
16 Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.

17 (7) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a parish that
18 contains a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020
19 federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the
20 Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.

21 (8) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a parish that does not
22 contain a municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020
23 federal decennial census, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

24 (9) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a parish that contains a
25 municipality with a population of 45,000 or more people according to the 2020 federal
26 decennial census, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

27 (10) A member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association, appointed by the president
28 of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

29 BE IT FURTHER resolved that the task force shall consult with and receive
30 information from the Governor's Office of Disability Affairs and the Power Coalition for

- (1) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (2) The commissioner of elections, or his designee.
- (3) A member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (4) The chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association, or his designee.
- (6) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from a rural parish, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- (7) A member of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association from an urban parish, appointed by the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
- (8) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from a rural parish, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (9) A member of the Louisiana Municipal Association from an urban parish, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Municipal Association.
- (10) A member of the Louisiana Police Jury Association, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Police Jury Association.

The names of the members of the task force must be submitted to the chairman of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than August 1, 2022.

The task force must hold its first organizational meeting no later than September 1, 2022, and the task force should elect any other officers as it finds necessary.