

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR. Directs the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of State regarding policies, procedures, and practices related to the integrity of elections.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of State's policies, procedures, and practices regarding the integrity of elections in Louisiana, including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states.

WHEREAS, most states require some type of post-election audit to review the accuracy of the election results and the election process and these types of post-election audits include traditional post-election audits, risk-limiting audits, and procedural audits; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Louisiana require assurance that the entire election process administered and conducted by the Department of State and our election officials, including the secretary of state, clerks of court, registrars of voters, and other election officials across the state, is sufficient to provide for the integrity and security of all elections held within the state; and

WHEREAS, if the legislative auditor requests sensitive data elements, as outlined in R.S. 18:154(C)(1), the Department of State shall utilize cryptography to protect the data.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of State's policies, procedures, and practices and those of election officials in this state

1 regarding the integrity of elections in Louisiana, including but not limited to a comparison
2 of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states, during the conduct of the
3 performance audit of the Department of State every four years, following the 2028
4 presidential election.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 state legislative auditor and the secretary of state.

 The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
 The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
 or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Urges and requests the legislative auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Dept. of State's policies, procedures, and practices and those of election officials in this state regarding the integrity of elections in La., including but not limited to a comparison of policies, procedures, and best practices used by other states, in the performance audit of the department every four years, following the 2028 presidential election.