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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for a study of automatic voter registration

A RESOLUTION

2	To create and provide for a subcommittee of the House Committee on House and
3	Governmental Affairs to examine and study the advisability and feasibility of
4	instituting automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities in Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, R.S. 18:114 requires voter registration services to be provided at all
6	driver's license facilities in the state; and
7	WHEREAS, this statute provides: "It is the intention of the legislature to encourage
8	the broadest possible participation in the electoral process by the citizens of this state"; and
9	WHEREAS, when a person applies to obtain, renew, or change the name or address
10	on a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and
11	Corrections, the person can also apply for voter registration; and
12	WHEREAS, the law requires the applicant to complete a registration application
13	form and return it to an authorized employee at the driver's license facility; and
14	WHEREAS, completed voter registration applications are periodically sent to
15	registrars of voters, who determine whether the applicants are registered to vote; and
16	WHEREAS, earlier this year, Oregon enacted an automatic voter registration system,
17	whereby each person who applies for a driver's license is automatically registered to vote
18	using driver's license data, unless the person opts out of voter registration; and
19	WHEREAS, in light of Louisiana's interest in encouraging the broadest possible
20	participation in the electoral process, it is desirable to study automatic voter registration to
21	determine whether it should be implemented in this state.

1	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a subcommittee of the House Committee on
3	House and Governmental Affairs to examine and study the advisability and feasibility of
4	instituting automatic voter registration through driver's license facilities in Louisiana.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on House
6	and Governmental Affairs shall appoint the members of the subcommittee and designate the
7	chairman and vice chairman of the subcommittee.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be responsible for
9	examining all matters relating to automatic voter registration and any related issues that the
10	subcommittee deems appropriate.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make such studies as it
12	shall find necessary or appropriate to carry out its purposes; for the purposes of conducting
13	such studies, the subcommittee may call upon the staffs of any department, agency, or
14	official of the state for data and assistance; all such departments, agencies, and officials shall
15	cooperate with the subcommittee; and the subcommittee may request and utilize the
16	assistance of any and all public and private sources.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall solicit input,
18	recommendations, and advice from the following:
19	(1) The secretary of state.
20	(2) The commissioner of elections.
21	(3) The attorney general.
22	(4) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.
23	(5) The Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall have the power and
25	authority of a standing committee to hold hearings, require the production of books and
26	records, and do all other things necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of its
28	findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the House Committee on
29	House and Governmental Affairs no later than thirty days prior to the 2016 Regular Session
30	of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be dissolved upon the

2 adjournment sine die of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature.

DIGEST

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