



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 395

LCO No. 2144



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT STUDYING EFFORTS TO INCREASE VOTER
PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL PILOT PROGRAMS
TO PROMOTE SUCH EFFORTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a task force to
2 study (1) efforts to achieve one hundred per cent voter participation in
3 this state by January 1, 2030, (2) means of enhancing civic engagement
4 generally in this state, (3) experiences of jurisdictions that have enacted
5 policies to require citizens to vote as a civic duty, (4) potential
6 implementation options in pursuit of achieving such one hundred per
7 cent voter participation goal, (5) needs of registrars of voters, town
8 clerks and other municipal officials in administering elections in which
9 one hundred per cent of voters participate, and (6) state and municipal
10 budgetary resources that may be required to achieve such one hundred
11 per cent voter participation goal.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 14 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;
- 17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;
- 20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 21 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 22 (8) Two appointed by the Governor.
- 23 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
24 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
25 of the General Assembly.
- 26 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
27 than August 1, 2026. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
28 authority.
- 29 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
30 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
31 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
32 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
33 September 1, 2026.
- 34 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
35 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
36 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 37 (g) Not later than February 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
38 on its findings and recommendations, including potential legislation to
39 appropriate funds or provide other resources to municipalities for the
40 purposes of increasing voter participation, to the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

42 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
43 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
44 submits such report or February 1, 2027, whichever is later.

45 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Subject to the provisions of title 9
46 of the general statutes and section 7-192a of the general statutes, any
47 municipality may, within existing resources, establish a pilot program
48 to promote the goal of achieving one hundred per cent voter
49 participation in such municipality. Such pilot program may include
50 efforts to enhance civic engagement, including, but not limited to, the
51 development and conduct of a voter outreach and education campaign
52 within such municipality.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |

GAE *Joint Favorable*