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SUMMARY

Establishes Help America Vote Act Task Force. Directs task force to study statewide compliance with Help America Vote Act and report findings and recommendations to Legislative Assembly. Sunsets task force on July 1, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to elections; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Help America Vote Act Task Force is established, consisting of 12 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate, including one member from each major political party.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, including one member from each major political party.

(c) The Secretary of State, or a representative of the secretary.

(d) The Director of the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office.

(e) Six other members appointed by the Secretary of State, or the secretary's representative, including at least three county clerks.

(2) The task force shall:

(a) Study and review statewide compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252); and

1 (b) Make recommendations on how to ensure maximum compliance.

2 (3) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
3 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than July
4 1, 2014.

5 (4) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force
6 are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory
7 capacity only.

8 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
9 a quorum for the transaction of business.

10 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-
11 jority of the voting members of the task force.

12 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-
13 person.

14 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
15 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

16 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
17 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
18 task force.

19 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
20 the task force.

21 (11) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall pro-
22 vide staff support to the task force.

23 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-
24 lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-
25 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by
26 them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
27 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in
28 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-
29 propriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for
30 purposes of the task force.

31 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are

1 **directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and,**
2 **to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish**
3 **such information and advice as the members of the task force consider**
4 **necessary to perform their duties.**

5 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on July 1, 2015.**

6 **SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
7 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
8 **clared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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