

House Bill 3241

Sponsored by Representative HUDSON

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Alternative Voting Methods. Directs task force to conduct systematic examination of alternative voting methods and their advantages and disadvantages for use in Oregon elections.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to alternative methods of voting; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Alternative Voting Methods is established.**

5 **(2) The task force shall consist of six members:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two voting members from among members**
7 **of the Senate, with one member affiliated with the Democratic party and one member affil-**
8 **iated with the Republican party.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two voting members from**
10 **among members of the House of Representatives, with one member affiliated with the**
11 **Democratic party and one member affiliated with the Republican party.**

12 **(c) One voting member shall be appointed by members of the Legislative Assembly who**
13 **are publicly affiliated as a caucus that seeks to eliminate racial disparities and remove**
14 **systemic and institutional barriers faced by individuals who are Black, Indigenous and People**
15 **of Color (BIPOC).**

16 **(d) The Secretary of State, or a full-time employee of the Elections Division who is des-**
17 **ignated by the secretary, shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.**

18 **(3) The task force shall conduct a systematic examination of alternative voting methods**
19 **and their advantages and disadvantages for use in Oregon elections. Alternative voting**
20 **methods that must be examined by the task force include, but are not limited to, ranked**
21 **choice voting, score voting, STAR voting, proportional STAR voting and single transferable**
22 **vote.**

23 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
24 **transaction of business.**

25 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
26 **members of the task force.**

27 **(6) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**
28 **select one member of the task force to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice**
29 **chairperson, with the duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of**
30 **the offices as the President and Speaker determine.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
2 ment to become immediately effective.

3 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
4 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

5 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

6 (10) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130
7 for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must
8 indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.

9 (11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in
10 ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and
11 Speaker designate.

12 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the
13 performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director
14 shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use
15 the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the
16 greatest extent practicable.

17 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
18 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
19 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
20 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.

22 **SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021
23 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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