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A Bill

SENATE BILL 598

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST
9 PRACTICES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND EARLY VOTING;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST
13 PRACTICES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND
14 EARLY VOTING.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Task Force – Creation –
22 Membership – Duties.

23 (a) There is created the Task Force to Study Best Practices for Voter
24 Registration and Early Voting.

25 (b)(1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

26 (A) Two (2) county clerks from each current congressional
27 district;

28 (B) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

29 (C) One (1) board or staff member of the State Board of
30 Election Commissioners;

31 (D) One (1) board member of the Arkansas County Election
32 Commissions Association;

33 (E) One (1) member from the county board of election
34 commissioners from each county; and

35 (F) Three (3) members to represent qualified electors in
36 this state, appointed at large by the Secretary of State.



1 (2) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the Secretary of
2 State shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

3 (3) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute
4 a quorum for transacting business of the task force.

5 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation
6 but may receive reimbursement under § 25-16-902.

7 (c)(1) The Secretary of State or his or her designee shall call the
8 first meeting of the task force within sixty (60) days of the effective date
9 of this act and shall serve as the chair of the task force at the first
10 meeting.

11 (2) At the first meeting of the task force, the members of the
12 task force shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as
13 needed for the transaction of business.

14 (3) The task force shall meet at least one (1) time every
15 quarter.

16 (d) The task force shall:

17 (1) Examine and evaluate the current voter registration and
18 early voting processes in this state;

19 (2) Explore and study voter registration and early voting
20 processes in other states;

21 (3) Identify improvements that could be made to the voter
22 registration and early voting process in this state; and

23 (4) Report its findings and recommendations no later than
24 December 1, 2018, to the General Assembly.

25 (e) The task force expires the day after reporting its findings and
26 recommendations under subdivision (d)(4) of this section.

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