



General Assembly

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING JUSTICES OF THE PEACE."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
4 working group to examine and make recommendations on (1) the  
5 methods of determining the number of justice of the peace positions in  
6 each municipality and state wide; (2) the portability of a justice of the  
7 peace appointment in one municipality to other municipalities; (3) the  
8 process by which justices of the peace are selected; (4) potential training,  
9 minimum qualifications, application processes and background check  
10 requirements for justices of the peace; (5) oversight of justices of the  
11 peace, including the potential for levying fines; (6) potential legal  
12 consequences for misrepresenting a person's status as a justice of the  
13 peace; and (7) issues related to reporting human trafficking, forced  
14 marriage and marriage fraud.

15 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
17 one of whom is a justice of the peace and one of whom is a representative  
18 of a professional organization for justices of the peace;

19 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
20 are town clerks;

21 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
22 Representatives, who is a town party chairperson;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a  
24 justice of the peace and not a member of a major political party;

25 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, one of whom is a town party chairperson and one of  
27 whom is a town clerk;

28 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom  
29 is a justice of the peace and one of whom is a town clerk; and

30 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee.

31 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
32 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
33 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

34 (d) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the  
35 chairperson of the working group and shall schedule the first meeting  
36 of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after  
37 the effective date of this section.

38 (e) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a  
39 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
40 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
41 relating to government administration and elections, in accordance with  
42 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and to the  
43 Secretary of the State. The working group shall terminate upon the  
44 submission of such report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section