

Public Act 26-42 Sec. 71

Sec. 71. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established a task force to study (1) efforts to achieve one hundred per cent voter participation in this state by January 1, 2030, (2) means of enhancing civic engagement generally in this state, (3) experiences of jurisdictions that have enacted policies to require citizens to vote as a civic duty, (4) potential implementation options in pursuit of achieving such one hundred per cent voter participation goal, (5) needs of registrars of voters, town clerks and other municipal officials in administering elections in which one hundred per cent of voters participate, and (6) state and municipal budgetary resources that may be required to achieve such one hundred per cent voter participation goal.

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

- (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- (7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee; and
- (8) Two appointed by the Governor.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than August 1, 2026. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than September 1, 2026.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than February 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including potential legislation to appropriate funds or provide other resources to municipalities for the purposes of increasing voter participation, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2027, whichever is later.