



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 437***

LCO No. 2392



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY SINGLE-  
ENVELOPE ABSENTEE BALLOTING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the feasibility of implementing procedures whereby an  
3 absentee ballot applicant uses a single envelope, instead of two, for the  
4 return of such applicant's absentee ballot. Such study shall include an  
5 examination and identification of each section of the general statutes  
6 that would require amending in order to implement such procedures.

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

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) One appointed by the House of Representatives chairperson of the  
14 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
15 matters relating to elections;

16 (6) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing  
17 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
18 relating to elections;

19 (7) One appointed by the House of Representatives ranking member  
20 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
21 cognizance of matters relating to elections;

22 (8) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint standing  
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
24 relating to elections;

25 (9) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee;

26 (10) Two designated by the president of the Registrars of Voters  
27 Association of Connecticut, each of whom shall be enrolled in a different  
28 political party from the other; and

29 (11) One designated by the president of the Connecticut Town Clerks  
30 Association.

31 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
32 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8) of subsection (b) of this section may be a  
33 member of the General Assembly.

34 (d) All initial appointments or designations, as applicable, to the task  
35 force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of  
36 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or  
37 designating, as applicable, authority.

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

42 days after the effective date of this section.

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

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report  
47 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
48 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
49 elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
50 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
51 submits such report or January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

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

To study the feasibility of implementing procedures whereby absentee ballot applicants use a single envelope, instead of two, for the return of absentee ballots.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*