

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the establishment of the Kentucky
2 Elections Task Force.

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of many states that will soon be confronted with the
4 complex and expensive challenge of reviewing and procuring new elections technology;
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6 WHEREAS, county clerks, poll workers, and voters must be involved in this
7 process to make sure Kentucky elections are accessible and secure; and

8 WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing and maintaining voting machines, the security
9 of ballots, and the recruitment of poll workers are all issues that must be addressed; and

10 WHEREAS, there are growing concerns about the cybersecurity of elections, from
11 rigging to hacking, and the security of any new election system should be both strong and
12 easily understandable by legislators, poll workers, and the public; and

13 WHEREAS, new election models were used in Kentucky during the last election,
14 including early voting and voting centers; and

15 WHEREAS, these new methods in addition to all existing methods, processes,
16 ballot security, types of voting machines, voting machine vendors, and the need for all
17 machines to have an auditable paper trail are all important issues that need to be studied;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, all new voting machines purchased in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
20 as of January 1, 2022, must provide a countable paper ballot;

21 NOW, THEREFORE,

22 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
23 ***Kentucky, the House of Representatives concurring therein:***

24 ➔Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to establish
25 a Kentucky Elections Task Force to study, review, and recommend changes to election
26 laws, including the security of elections, the manner in which elections are held, and the
27 technology used in elections.

1 ➔Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with
2 final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the
3 Legislative Research Commission:

4 (a) Three members of the Senate, two to be appointed by the President of the
5 Senate and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate.

6 (b) Three members of the House of Representatives, two to be appointed by the
7 Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House.

8 (c) The Secretary of State, or designee;

9 (d) The executive director of the State Board of Elections, or designee;

10 (e) Two county clerks, one from each political party, submitted by the County
11 Clerks Association; and

12 (f) Two citizens at-large, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

14 ➔Section 3. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each
15 appoint one co-chair of the task force from among that chamber's membership of the task
16 force.

17 ➔Section 4. The task force shall meet at least monthly during the 2021 Interim
18 and shall submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research
19 Commission for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 1,
20 2021.

21 ➔Section 5. Provisions of this Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
22 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
23 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof and to
24 designate a study completion date.