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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a study committee to study new voting system technology, processes, and procedures, including storage of voting systems; to develop recommendations for changes to the Louisiana Election Code related thereto; and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

WHEREAS, since the fall of 2006, election day voting has been conducted in all sixty-four parishes in Louisiana on the AVC Advantage voting system, which is a direct recording electronic voting system that provides the voter the entire ballot on the screen; and

WHEREAS, since the fall of 2006, early voting has been conducted in all sixty-four parishes in Louisiana on the AVC Edge voting system, which is a touchscreen voting system that requires the voter to scroll through the entire ballot to vote; and

WHEREAS, new voting system technology has been developed since 2006, and a study of the new technology, processes, and procedures, including storage of voting systems, is needed to determine the voting system that should be used in the future in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a study committee to study new voting system technology, processes, and procedures, including storage of voting systems; to hold hearings as necessary; to develop recommendations for changes to the Louisiana Election Code related thereto; and to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of state or a designee of the secretary of state.
- (2) The commissioner of elections or a designee of the commissioner of elections.
- (3) The attorney general or a designee of the attorney general.

(4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs or a designee of the chairman.

(5) The chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs or a designee of the chairman.

(6) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.

(7) The president of the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association.

(8) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or a designee of the president.

(9) The president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or a designee of the president.

(10) The commissioner of administration or a designee of the commissioner of administration.

(11) One member appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the presidents of Centenary College of Louisiana, Dillard University, Louisiana College, Loyola University New Orleans, Tulane University, and Xavier University of Louisiana, each of whom shall submit one nominee who shall not be an elected or appointed public official.

(12) The chairperson of the Louisiana Democratic Party or a designee of the chairperson.

(13) The chairman of the Republican Party of Louisiana or a designee of the chairman.

(14) A representative of the Advocacy Center appointed by the executive director of the Advocacy Center.

(15) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or a designee of the president.

(16) The president of the Council for A Better Louisiana or a designee of the president.

(17) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or a designee of the president.

(18) The president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO or a designee of the president.

(19) A member of the League of Women Voters appointed by the secretary of state from a list of nominees submitted by each chapter of the League of Women Voters in the state of Louisiana.

(20) A person with at least ten years of experience serving as a commissioner-in-charge appointed by the secretary of state from a list of nominees submitted by the president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state or a designee of the secretary of state shall call the first meeting of the study committee, and at the meeting the study committee shall elect a chairman and such other officers as the study committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the study committee shall appoint a recorder to serve without compensation as the need may arise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the secretary of state shall provide staffing along with appropriate legislative staff as approved by the presiding officers of the legislature, to facilitate the duties of the study committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than March 1, 2015.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE