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101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the election security task force.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 115.1100, to read as follows:

- 115.1100. 1. There is hereby created the "Election Security Task Force".**
- 2. The members of the task force shall be as follows:**
- (1) Three members of the house of representatives, with two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;**
- (2) Three members of the senate, with two members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;**
- (3) The secretary of state or his or her designee;**
- (4) A member from the Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities; and**
- (5) A cyber-security expert.**
- 3. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate the chair of the task force, and the president pro tempore of the senate shall designate the vice chair of the task force.**
- 4. Staff offices including, but not limited to, house research, house drafting, senate research, and the joint committee on legislative research shall provide such legal, research,**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the
18 performance of its duties.

19 **5. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but the members**
20 **and any staff assigned to the task force shall receive reimbursement for actual and**
21 **necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the task force or any subcommittee**
22 **thereof. All task force members shall be subject to the same conflict-of-interest provisions**
23 **in chapter 105 that are enforced by the Missouri ethics commission in the same manner**
24 **that elected or appointed officials and employees are subject to such provisions.**

25 **6. The task force shall hold its first meeting within two months from the effective**
26 **date of this section.**

27 **7. The task force shall evaluate election security within the state, prepare a report**
28 **containing its findings, and make recommendations for legislation to improve and**
29 **safeguard the election process in Missouri.**

30 **8. The task force shall report a summary of its activities and recommendations to**
31 **the general assembly before September 30, 2022.**

32 **9. (1) The task force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2022. At such**
33 **time, all members of the task force shall be relieved of their positions on the task force.**

34 **(2) The task force shall resume its operations on September 30, 2023, with a new**
35 **set of members to be selected according to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section.**
36 **The new chair and the new vice chair of the task force shall be designated according to the**
37 **provisions of subsection 3 of this section.**

38 **(3) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall continue to receive**
39 **services according to the provisions of subsection 4 of this section and shall continue to be**
40 **subject to all provisions of subsection 5 of this section.**

41 **(4) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall review all summaries and**
42 **recommendations previously made under subsection 8 of this section and shall continue to**
43 **carry out the duties described in subsection 7 of this section.**

44 **(5) Upon resumption of its operations, the task force shall report an updated**
45 **summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the general assembly**
46 **before September 30, 2024.**

47 **(6) After providing a report to the general assembly as required under subdivision**
48 **(5) of this subsection, the task force shall continue to meet every two years until this section**
49 **expires. The task force shall provide additional updated summaries of its activities and**
50 **additional recommendations for legislation to the general assembly, at such times as the**
51 **task force deems necessary, until the task force is terminated.**

52 **10. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri sunset act:**

53 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**
54 **automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of this section unless reauthorized**
55 **by an act of the general assembly;**

56 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**
57 **shall automatically sunset twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**
58 **section; and**

59 **(3) This section shall terminate on September thirtieth of the calendar year**
60 **immediately following the calendar year in which the program authorized under this**
61 **section is sunset.**

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