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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 598

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST  
PRACTICES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND EARLY VOTING;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST  
PRACTICES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND  
EARLY VOTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Task Force – Creation –  
Membership – Duties.

(a) There is created the Task Force to Study Best Practices for Voter  
Registration and Early Voting.

(b)(1) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(A) Two (2) county clerks from each current congressional  
district;

(B) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

(C) One (1) board or staff member of the State Board of  
Election Commissioners;

(D) One (1) board member of the Arkansas County Election  
Commissions Association;

(E) One (1) member from the county board of election  
commissioners from each county; and

(F) Three (3) members to represent qualified electors in  
this state, appointed at large by the Secretary of State.



(2) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the Secretary of State shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

(3) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the task force.

(4) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement under § 25-16-902.

(c)(1) The Secretary of State or his or her designee shall call the first meeting of the task force within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act and shall serve as the chair of the task force at the first meeting.

(2) At the first meeting of the task force, the members of the task force shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction of business.

(3) The task force shall meet at least one (1) time every quarter.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) Examine and evaluate the current voter registration and early voting processes in this state;

(2) Explore and study voter registration and early voting processes in other states;

(3) Identify improvements that could be made to the voter registration and early voting process in this state; and

(4) Report its findings and recommendations no later than December 1, 2018, to the General Assembly.

(e) The task force expires the day after reporting its findings and recommendations under subdivision (d)(4) of this section.