



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 641

LCO No. 5392



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF ELECTION LAWS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) There is established
2 an Election Law Review Commission for the purpose of reviewing the
3 state's election laws, including, but not limited to, laws regarding (1)
4 the timing of primaries to be held for the nomination of candidates for
5 election, (2) the election of certain constitutional officers, and (3) the
6 regulation of political campaigns. The commission shall consist of the
7 president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
8 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, the minority leader
9 of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the State or the
10 Secretary's designee. The terms of all members of the commission shall
11 end with the termination of each member's term or holding of such
12 office or leadership position, as applicable, whichever occurs first. The
13 president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of
14 Representatives shall be cochairpersons of the commission. A majority
15 of the membership shall constitute a quorum and all actions of the
16 commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the full

17 committee membership. The Election Law Review Commission shall
18 meet as often as may be necessary to perform its duties.

19 (b) On or before February 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, the
20 Election Law Review Commission shall submit a report to the joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to elections, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
23 general statutes, and make any recommendation for legislation to
24 address any issue discussed in such report.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a commission, consisting of the legislative leaders from each of the four caucuses and the Secretary of the State, or a designee thereof, for the purpose of reviewing certain election laws and making recommendations for legislative changes.

[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.]

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