

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

ELECTION OFFENSES: Requests study of penalties associated with election offenses involving fraudulent activities

1 A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on  
 3 Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to  
 4 study and make recommendations with respect to an increase in penalties associated  
 5 with election offenses related to fraudulent activities, and to report the findings of  
 6 the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular  
 7 Session of the Legislature.

8 WHEREAS, the right to vote in a free and fair election is the most basic civil right,  
 9 one on which many other rights of the American people depend; and

10 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon state government to safeguard the electoral process  
 11 and ensure that every voter's right to cast a ballot is protected; and

12 WHEREAS, election fraud is a grave concern since it affects the integrity of the  
 13 democratic process and results in voter disenfranchisement; and

14 WHEREAS, a study is needed to provide recommendations to the legislature  
 15 regarding election fraud penalties.

16 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on House  
 17 and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs  
 18 to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with  
 19 respect to an increase in penalties associated with election offenses related to fraudulent  
 20 activities and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the  
 21 convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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