



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 170

June 8, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives PRIDEMORE and TAUCHEN. Referred to Committee on Election and Campaign Reform.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** creation of a task force on the elections process and election
2 technology.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a task force on the elections process and election technology. The task force consists of 11 members, who are appointed by the Joint Legislative Council, including the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ranking minority member of the assembly and senate committees whose jurisdiction includes the election laws, the governor and the attorney general or their designees, and two members who have expertise in electronic voting system technology. The task force is directed to evaluate the effectiveness of the elections process as affected by voter identification requirements and to make recommendations for changes in the process, including polling place registration on election day, that the task force finds to be appropriate and advisable. The task force is also directed to study and recommend the next generation of electronic voting system technology that should be adopted for use in this state. The bill directs the task force to report its recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, the governor, and the attorney general no later than November 1, 2012.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

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1 (1) TASK FORCE ON VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND ELECTION TECHNOLOGY. (a) There
2 is created a task force on voter identification and election technology. Except as
3 provided in paragraph (b), the task force shall consist of 11 members appointed by
4 the joint legislative council including:

5 1. The chairperson, vice-chairperson, and ranking minority member of the
6 assembly and senate committees whose jurisdiction includes the election laws.

7 2. The governor and attorney general or their designees.

8 3. Two members who have expertise in electronic voting system technology.

9 (b) Either chairperson may designate another member of his or her committee
10 to serve in his or her place as a member of the task force. The cochairpersons of the
11 task force shall be the chairpersons of the assembly and senate committees whose
12 jurisdiction includes the election laws except that by the designation of either
13 chairperson, the vice chairperson or a member who is designated to serve in place of
14 the chairperson may serve in place of the chairperson as cochairperson of the task
15 force.

16 (c) The joint legislative council shall provide staff services to the task force.

17 (d) The task force shall evaluate the effectiveness of the elections process as
18 affected by voter identification requirements and shall make recommendations for
19 any changes in the elections process, including polling place registration on election
20 day, that the task force finds to be appropriate and advisable. The task force shall
21 also study and recommend the next generation of electronic voting system
22 technology that should be adopted for use in this state.

