

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1063

By: Monson of the House

and

Miles-LaGrange and Brown  
of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and voter registration in Oklahoma; creating the Joint Legislative Task Force on Voter Registration; providing for membership, chairperson, meetings, quorums, reimbursement, staffing and duties and responsibilities; requiring certain reports and legislative proposals by certain dates; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the First Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature enacted House Bill 1088, which directs that Oklahoma motor license agents can register qualified electors to vote beginning January 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted, and the President signed into law on May 20, 1993, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (H.R. 2), which becomes effective for Oklahoma on January 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the stated purposes of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 are: (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office; (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this Act in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for

Federal office; (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and (4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 will require that Oklahoma establish more voter registration options than are contained in current state laws or House Bill 1088; and

WHEREAS, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may affect other provisions of Oklahoma election law related to voter registration;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Oklahoma State Legislature, in cooperation with representatives of federal, state and county governmental entities affected by, or which have responsibility for carrying out the requirements of, the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to work together in planning the full implementation of the provisions of said act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

A. THAT there is hereby created until May 27, 1994, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Voter Registration composed of the following seven (7) voting legislative members and six (6) nonvoting ex officio members, who shall all be appointed or designated by July 1, 1993:

1. Three (3) members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who shall be voting members of the Task Force;

2. Three (3) members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall be voting members of the Task Force;

3. One (1) member of the Legislature who shall be jointly appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker

of the House of Representatives as Chairperson who shall be a voting member of the Task Force;

4. Five (5) nonvoting ex officio members or their designees shall be: the Secretary of the State Election Board; the Commissioner of Public Safety; the Attorney General; the Director of the Department of Human Services; and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; and

5. One (1) nonvoting ex officio member appointed by the Governor who shall be a member of the Governor's staff.

B. The Task Force shall elect a vice-chairperson from its voting members.

C. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson and may be held at places within this state as may be deemed necessary by the Chairperson. A quorum of the voting members appointed shall be necessary to conduct all business of the Task Force. Legislative members shall receive reimbursement from the house in which they serve for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Ex officio members shall receive no compensation for work on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act from their employing agency. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the Legislative Service Bureau, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Legal assistance and advice to the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

D. The duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall include but not be limited to:

1. Conducting a full and thorough study of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 and Oklahoma voter registration laws and procedures in order to determine how Oklahoma shall fully comply with the provisions of said act;

2. Coordinating with and seeking the advice and input of federal entities and personnel including but not limited to the Federal Election Commission, the U.S. Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Postal Service and the Oklahoma Congressional delegation. The Task Force shall also coordinate with and seek the advice and input of public entities and other groups who may be affected by the implementation in Oklahoma of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including but not limited to the political parties and groups engaged in voter education and voter registration;

3. Submitting a report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives prior to January 1, 1994, which includes but shall not be limited to statutory and organizational changes necessary to bring Oklahoma within full compliance with the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, an implementation schedule and the fiscal impact of implementing said provisions; and

4. Preparing necessary and appropriate legislation for introduction by February 3, 1994, which brings Oklahoma into full compliance with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Secretary of the State Election Board, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Attorney General, the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, members of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, the U.S. Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Postmaster General, the Democratic Party of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Republican Party, the President of the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma, the President of the Oklahoma Municipal League, the President of the Association of

County Commissioners of Oklahoma, and the President of the County  
Officers and Deputies Association.

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