



1 an equitable and effective way of regulating the ordering of alimony  
2 by courts.

3 B. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to require a base-  
4 line determination of the purpose of ordering support alimony,  
5 either for rehabilitation or as a lifetime award and to determine  
6 whether a statutory alimony guideline would be practicable. The  
7 Task Force shall examine the issue and recommend a proposed alimony  
8 guideline or, if the Task Force determines that a guideline is not a  
9 practical and effective idea, the Task Force shall recommend that no  
10 guideline be developed.

11 C. The Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) members as  
12 follows:

13 1. Five members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
14 the Senate as follows:

- 15 a. two family court judges whose primary responsibility  
16 is in the area of marriage dissolution,
- 17 b. two practicing attorneys who have no less than ten  
18 (10) years of experience in litigation primarily in  
19 the area of marriage dissolution, and
- 20 c. one citizen who has been a party in a divorce; and

21 2. Five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives as follows:

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1 a. one professor of law at a state law school who has  
2 specialized in teaching family law and is aware of  
3 current case and common law with respect to the  
4 dissolution of marriage and the imposition of alimony  
5 awards,

6 b. one family court judge whose primary responsibility is  
7 in the area of marriage dissolution,

8 c. two practicing attorneys who have no less than ten  
9 (10) years of experience in litigation primarily in  
10 the area of marriage dissolution, and

11 d. one citizen who has been a party in a divorce; and

12 3. Two members who shall be attorneys who have no less than ten  
13 (10) years of experience in the area of marriage dissolution to be  
14 appointed by the Governor.

15 D. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
16 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the  
17 original appointing authority.

18 2. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by December 31,  
19 2013.

20 3. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute  
21 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act  
22 for the Task Force.

1 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
2 the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from  
3 among the members of the Task Force.

4 5. The cochairs of the Task Force shall convene the first  
5 meeting of the Task Force on or before January 15, 2014, at which  
6 time a schedule of the meetings shall be determined.

7 E. The Task Force may use the services of the staffs of the  
8 Senate and the House of Representatives and may, as necessary, seek  
9 the advice and services of experts in the area of dissolution of  
10 marriage and alimony settlements.

11 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation or  
12 travel reimbursement for their service.

13 G. The Task Force shall publish and submit to the President Pro  
14 Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
15 Governor a report of its findings and recommendations by December  
16 31, 2014, including recommendations for any resulting legislation.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 02/13/2013 - DO  
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