



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 422

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 759

Senate, April 13, 2021

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to (1) review the text of the state Constitution to identify all existing
3 gendered language in the text, and (2) make recommendations for the
4 redrafting of such text to replace such language while preserving the
5 meaning of the current text and to reiterate the equality of citizens of all
6 genders before the law.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) Three appointed by the Governor;

14 (6) Three appointed by the Chief Court Administrator; and

15 (7) The Attorney General, or a designee.

16 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
17 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
18 General Assembly.

19 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
20 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
21 be filled by the appointing authority.

22 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
23 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
24 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
25 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
26 days after the effective date of this section.

27 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
29 administration shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

30 (g) Not later than February 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report
31 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
32 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
33 government administration, in accordance with the provisions of
34 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
35 the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is
36 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill establishes a task force to review and identify gendered language in the State Constitution and make recommendations to change the language to gender neutral.

Not later than February 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the government administration and elections committee. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is later.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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