

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5461

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BALLOT PLACEMENT

**Title:** OF REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

**Vote Date:** 3/29/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/18/2022

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This legislation establishes a task force to study revisions to the law to implement procedures for early voting and no-excuse absentee voting. The task force shall submit its report to the Government Administration and Elections Committee no later than February 2023.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Mr. Michael Brandi, Executive Director and General Counsel, State Elections**

**Enforcement Commission:** They neither support nor oppose this bill. They do offer their assistance in any way they can.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Mr. Jeff Dunkerton, Legislative Committee, CT Town Clerks Association:** They support this proposal. He points out that town clerks are responsible for creating ballots with referendum questions. They look forward to having a representative of the town clerks on this task force.

**Mr. David Bingham, Chair, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters:** They offered their testimony in support of this bill but ask that it be amended to include a study of Ranked Choice Voting.

**Ms. Patricia Rossi, Advocacy Vice President, League of Women Voters of Connecticut:**

They offer their comments in support of this proposal.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Mr. David Godbout, Constituent:** He expressed opposition to all bills put forward by the committee under the claim of nullification.

**Reported by: Richard Ferrari**

**Date: 3/29/22**