



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5497

LCO No. 3614



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE
CONSTITUTION AND IN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIVE OFFICES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of special act 21-17 is amended to read as follows
2 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) There is established a task force to (1) review the text of the state
4 Constitution to identify all existing gendered language in the text, [and]
5 (2) review the text of the general statutes to identify all gendered titles
6 for municipal elective offices, and (3) make recommendations for the
7 redrafting of such text to replace such language while preserving the
8 meaning of the current text and to reiterate the equality of citizens of all
9 genders before the law.

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

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

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

13 (3) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

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

16 (5) Three appointed by the Governor;

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

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

19 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
20 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
21 General Assembly.

22 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
23 than [thirty days after the effective date of this section] August 1, 2022.
24 Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

25 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
26 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
27 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
28 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
29 [sixty days after the effective date of this section] September 1, 2022.

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

33 (g) Not later than [February 1, 2022] January 1, 2023, the task force
34 shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
35 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
36 matters relating to government administration, in accordance with the
37 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
38 terminate on the date that it submits such report or [February 1, 2022]
39 January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	SA 21-17, Sec. 1
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the charge of the task force established pursuant to special act 21-17 to include a review of the general statutes relating to municipal elective offices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]