

Representative Patrice M. Arent proposes the following substitute bill:

TASK FORCE ON VOTER PARTICIPATION

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

6	Cosponsors:	Sandra Hollins	Jeremy A. Peterson
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Voter Participation Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Voter Participation Task Force and provides for the task force's membership;
- ▶ provides for salary and expenses of task force members; and
- ▶ describes task force duties.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015:

- ▶ to the Legislature - Senate, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund, one-time, \$13,000;
- ▶ to the Legislature - House of Representatives, as a one-time appropriation:



- 25 • from the General Fund, one-time, \$16,000; and
- 26 ▶ to the Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, as a one-
- 27 time appropriation:
- 28 • from the General Fund, one-time, \$40,000.

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 This bill provides a special effective date.

31 This bill provides a repeal date.

32 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

33 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. **Voter Participation Task Force -- Creation and membership -- Interim**
36 **rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

37 (1) There is created the Voter Participation Task Force consisting of the following nine
38 members:

39 (a) four members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
40 three of whom may be from the same political party; and

41 (b) five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
42 House of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party.

43 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall appoint one of the task force members from
44 the Senate as cochair of the task force.

45 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one of the task force
46 members from the House of Representatives as cochair of the task force.

47 (3) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance
48 with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

49 (4) The task force shall comply with the legislative interim rules in conducting the task
50 force's business.

51 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
52 to the task force.

53 Section 2. **Scope and responsibilities.**

54 The task force shall:

56 (1) study issues related to voter participation in the state, including:
 57 (a) past and present voter participation trends in the state and in the United States;
 58 (b) administrative barriers that may inhibit voter participation; and
 59 (c) other issues specific to the state that may affect voter participation; and
 60 (2) at the November 2015 meeting of the Government Operations Interim Committee,
 61 present to the committee:

62 (a) details of the work performed by the task force;
 63 (b) a description of issues the task force identified in the state that affect voter
 64 participation; and
 65 (c) recommendations on how the state can improve voter participation in the state.

66 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

67 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
 68 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the following sums of money
 69 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
 70 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
 71 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2015.

72 To Legislature - Senate

73 From General Fund, One-time \$13,000

74 Schedule of Programs:

75 Administration \$13,000

76 To Legislature - House of Representatives

77 From General Fund, One-time \$16,000

78 Schedule of Programs:

79 Administration \$16,000

80 To Legislature - Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

81 From General Fund, One-time \$40,000

82 Schedule of Programs:

83 Administration \$40,000

84 **Section 4. Effective date.**

85 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
 86 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

87 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
88 the date of veto override.

89 Section 5. **Repeal date.**

90 This bill is repealed on July 1, 2016.