

HB 1352 -- ELECTION SECURITY TASK FORCE

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This bill creates the "Election Security Task Force". The Task Force will have three members of the House of Representatives, with two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, three members of the Senate, with two members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and one member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, the Secretary of State or his or her designee, a member from the association of the county clerks, and a cyber-security expert. Members serve without compensation and are subject to ethics laws as specified in the bill.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives will designate the Chair of the Task Force, and the President Pro Tem of the Senate will designate the Vice Chair of the Task Force. Staff offices including House Research, House Drafting, Senate Research, and the Joint Committee on Legislative Research are to provide services as the Task Force may require in the performance of its duties.

The Task Force will evaluate election security within the state, prepare a report containing its findings, and make recommendations for legislation to improve and safeguard the election process in Missouri. It will report a summary of its activities and recommendations to the General Assembly before September 30, 2022.

The Task Force shall suspend its operations on September 30, 2022, but resume operations under the same rules with all new members by September 30, 2023. Upon resumption of its operations, the Task Force shall report an updated summary of its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly before September 30, 2024. The Task Force shall continue to meet every two years until expiration under the sunset act and shall provide additional updated summaries of its activities and additional recommendations for legislation to the General Assembly, at such times as the task force deems necessary, until the Task Force is terminated.

The bill is subject to the Missouri sunset act.