



26 WHEREAS, to ensure fair and uniform elections and to maintain voters' faith in the election  
27 process, the Commonwealth's election governance structure must be examined at both the state and local  
28 level to determine where improvement and additional oversight is needed; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Legislative Audit  
30 and Review Commission be directed to review the election governance structure in the Commonwealth.

31 In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall (i) review the  
32 roles and responsibilities of state and local election officials in the administration and conduct of elections  
33 in the Commonwealth, including the level of oversight by state election officials and the degree of  
34 decision-making by local election officials; (ii) review the methods of selection and removal of state and  
35 local election officials and evaluate how such methods shape accountability mechanisms; (iii) review the  
36 level of funding provided by the state and localities; (iv) evaluate the potential for partisan pressures and  
37 influence in administrative decisions at the state and local election level; (v) develop recommendations  
38 for objective methods of evaluating the performance of both local and state election officers to determine  
39 if they are appropriately fulfilling the responsibilities of their positions and whether removal may be  
40 necessary; and (vi) make other recommendations as necessary and review other issues as warranted.

41 Technical assistance shall be provided to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission by  
42 the State Board of Elections, the Department of Elections, local electoral boards, local general registrars,  
43 the Virginia Electoral Board Association, and the Voter Registrars Association of Virginia. All agencies  
44 of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission for  
45 this study, upon request.

46 The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission shall complete its meetings for the first year  
47 by November 30, 2022, and for the second year by November 30, 2023, and the chairman shall submit to  
48 the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and  
49 recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each  
50 year. Each executive summary shall state whether the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission  
51 intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations  
52 for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted

**53** as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of  
**54** legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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