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*Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly believes the voters of Indiana should have their voices heard in the presidential nominating process;*

*Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly is committed to preventing party politics and outdated party rules that deny citizens their full right to vote; and*

*Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly desires every Indiana citizen to have the same opportunity as citizens of other States when nominating presidential candidates; Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to establish an  
2 interim study committee to study the Indiana presidential nominating  
3 process.

4           SECTION 2. That if established, the Presidential Primary Study  
5 Committee will help develop strategies to increase the voting impact  
6 of Indiana citizens.

7           SECTION 3. That as used in this resolution, "committee" refers  
8 to the Indiana Presidential Primary Study Committee.



- 1 SECTION 4. That the committee, if established, consists of (12)  
2 members.
- 3 SECTION 5. That if the committee is established, the secretary  
4 of state, as chief state election official under IC 3-6-3.7, serves as  
5 chairman and as a member of the committee.
- 6 SECTION 6. That if the committee is established, the speaker of  
7 the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) members of the  
8 committee. The two (2) members appointed under this section must be  
9 members of the house of representatives who are not affiliated with the  
10 same political party.
- 11 SECTION 7. That if the committee is established, the president  
12 pro tempore of the senate shall appoint two (2) members of the  
13 committee. The two (2) members appointed under this section must be  
14 members of the senate who are not affiliated with the same political  
15 party.
- 16 SECTION 8. That if the committee is established, a member  
17 appointed under Section 6 or 7 of this resolution vacates the member's  
18 seat on the committee when the member ceases to be a member of the  
19 house of the general assembly that the member represented when the  
20 member was appointed.
- 21 SECTION 9. That if the committee is established, the chairman  
22 of each major political party of the state shall appoint one (1) member  
23 of the committee.
- 24 SECTION 10. That if the committee is established, the secretary  
25 shall appoint the following five (5) members of the committee:
- 26 1. Two (2) circuit court clerks.
  - 27 2. Two (2) representatives of the media who are registered  
28 voters of Indiana and have experience in reporting past  
29 Indiana presidential primaries.
  - 30 3. One (1) individual who is a registered voter of Indiana and  
31 has extensive knowledge regarding the economic impact of  
32 presidential primary campaigns or part caucus campaigns  
33 within Indiana and other states.
- 34 SECTION 11. That if the committee is established, each member  
35 of the committee serves a term of four (4) years.
- 36 SECTION 12. That if the committee is established, the appointing  
37 authority shall fill a vacancy on the committee for the unexpired term.
- 38 SECTION 13. That each member of the committee, if established,  
39 is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances  
40 paid to the individuals who serve as legislative and lay members,  
41 respectively, of interim study committees established by the legislative  
42 council.
- 43 SECTION 14. That the expenses of the committee, if established,



1 in performing the committee's duties shall be paid from the funds  
2 appropriated to the office of the secretary of state.

3 SECTION 15. That the committee, if established, shall meet at the  
4 call of the chairman.

5 SECTION 16. That if the committee is established, a quorum for  
6 a meeting of the committee consists of seven (7) members.

7 SECTION 17. That if the committee is established, seven (7)  
8 affirmative votes are required for the committee to take action.

9 SECTION 18. That if the committee is established, the election  
10 division of the office of the secretary of state shall provide staff and  
11 administrative services for the committee.

12 SECTION 19. That the committee, if established, shall study the  
13 following and publish reports regarding the committee's findings:

- 14 1. The effect of setting a date for the Indiana presidential  
15 preference primary that would fall earlier in the major  
16 political party presidential nominating process, and whether  
17 by doing so, the voters of Indiana would have more  
18 opportunity to have their voices heard in the presidential  
19 nominating process.
- 20 2. The fiscal impact of:
  - 21 a. Requiring a presidential primary candidate to submit  
22 a filing fee to be placed on the Indiana presidential  
23 primary ballot;
  - 24 b. Reducing the costs incurred in processing presidential  
25 candidate nominating petition by county voter  
26 registration officers;
  - 27 c. Conducting the Indiana presidential primary on an  
28 earlier date in the presidential nominating process.
- 29 3. The major political party rules concerning the dates for  
30 presidential primaries and delegate selection.
- 31 4. The effect of conducting the Indiana presidential preference  
32 primary on a separate date than the date of the primary  
33 conducted to nominate major party candidates for other  
34 offices.
- 35 5. The laws and rules in other states concerning the  
36 determination of the date of the state's presidential primary.
- 37 6. Recommendations to the general assembly for changes in  
38 Indiana law to implement the committee's findings.
- 39 7. The possibility of Indiana helping to reform the current  
40 presidential nominating process by joining with other mid-  
41 western states to hold a regional primary.
- 42 8. Following the 2012 general election, the effect to any  
43 changes made to Indiana law regarding the presidential



1                   primary, and whether additional changes should be made to  
2                   the laws governing the Indiana presidential primary.  
3            9.    Consider any other issues pertaining to the presidential  
4                   nominating process that may affect the votes of Indiana  
5                   residents.  
6            SECTION 20.   That if established, the Indiana Presidential  
7            Primary Study Committee shall expire July 1, 2014.  
8            SECTION 21.   That the committee, if established, shall operate  
9                   under the direction of the Legislative Council and that the committee  
10                   shall present its findings and recommendations in a final report when  
11                   directed to do so by the Legislative Council.  
12            SECTION 22.   The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
13                   transmit a copy of this resolution to the Legislative Council through the  
14                   Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency.

