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BILL SUMMARY

• Creates the Local Government Public Notice Task Force to study local government public notice requirements and recommend alternative ways to meet them.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Functions

The bill creates the Local Government Public Notice Task Force to study the various public notice requirements in existence for local governments and determine if there are other ways to fulfill those requirements, such as by the use of media or technology other than those currently mandated. Then, the Task Force must determine if any changes would be more efficient or economical, considering what is practical. (Section 1(A) and (C).)

Not later than one year after the bill's effective date, the Task Force must prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations on alternative ways to fulfill the public notice requirements to the Governor, the Senate President and Minority Leader, and the House Speaker and Minority Leader. After the report is issued, the Task Force, which is not subject to the Sunset Review Law, ceases to exist. (Section 1(C) and (D).)

<u>Membership</u>

The Task Force is to consist of the following 16 members (Section 1(A)):

• Two members of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the House Speaker and one appointed by the House Minority Leader;

- Two members of the Senate, one member appointed by the Senate President and one appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- One member representing the Governor's office, appointed by the Governor:
- One member from an organization representing municipal government, one member from an organization representing county government, and one member from an organization representing township government, all appointed by the House Speaker;
- One member representing each type of elected county officer, appointed by the House Speaker from groups that represent these officers--i.e., county recorders, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, coroners, engineers, auditors, treasurers, and clerks of the courts of common pleas.

All these appointments must be made within 30 days after the bill's effective date. The chairperson of the Task Force is the House member appointed by the House Speaker, and the Senate member appointed by the Senate President is its vice-chairperson. (Section 1(B).)

Members will receive no compensation for service on the Task Force, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing official duties and responsibilities of the Task Force (Section 1(B)).

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