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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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Reps. D. Miller, Oakar, Sullivan, Woodard, Patton, Sulzer, Wilson, Flannery, Distel, Cirelli, Fedor, Jerse, Driehaus, Sferra, Ford, Britton, Bocchieri, Allen, S. Smith, DePiero, Perry, Jones

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates a special committee, which must, by December 31, 2001, study and make recommendations regarding technological and procedural improvements to advance the ease and reliability of voting and vote tabulation in Ohio and potential means for funding those improvements.
- Appropriates \$250,000 to the Special Committee to Study Voting Techniques for the purpose of engaging experts to assist with the study.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates a special committee, the purpose of which is to study technological and procedural improvements to advance the ease and reliability of voting and vote tabulation in Ohio, and to study means for funding those improvements (Section 1 of the bill). \$250,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Special Committee to Study Voting Techniques, to assist with the study (Section 2 of the bill).

The committee consists of eight members, who must be appointed as follows (Section 1 of the bill):

- One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- One member of the Senate to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

- Two members appointed by the Governor;
- Two members appointed by the Secretary of State.

The bill requires the Legislative Service Commission to engage experts, as directed by the special committee, to assist with the study. With the permission of the Commission, staff of the Commission may be assigned to provide staff assistance to the special committee. (Section 1 of the bill.)

Not later than December 31, 2001, the special committee is required to submit a report on the study along with its recommendations based on the study to the General Assembly. The special committee will cease to exist once it submits its report and recommendations. (Section 1 of the bill.)

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