

AN ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON BALLOT DESIGN RESOLUTION organizing the committee and authorizing the issuance of communications by the committee requesting information from and attendance by persons regarding election ballot design and relevant documents as may be necessary to further the committee's research on all aspects of the design of primary election and general election ballots which may be utilized in the conduct of elections in this State.

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2024, pursuant to Assembly Resolution No. 167, the General Assembly constituted the Assembly Select Committee on Ballot Design as a select committee; and

WHEREAS, The committee is directed to review and consider any studies, court decisions, best practices, and any other relevant research, information, guidance, and expertise regarding the design of primary election and general election ballots which may be utilized in the conduct of elections in this State; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved *by the Assembly Select Committee on Ballot Design:*

1. a. The committee authorizes its Co-Chairs, Benjie E. Wimberly and Al Barlas, to jointly issue communications under their signature to request relevant documents and other information, and to request the attendance and testimony before the committee of any individuals with expertise relevant to the committee's research.
b. In the event that the Co-Chairs are unable to fulfill their duties as Co-Chairs, the committee authorizes its Co-Vice Chairs, Verlina Reynolds-Jackson and Brian E. Rumpf, to act as Co-Chairs.
c. The committee may meet at the call of the Co-Chairs at the times and in the places the Co-Chairs may deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill the committee's duties.
d. A majority of the authorized membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. To aid the committee in carrying out its duties, and at the direction of the Co-Chairs, the committee is authorized to:
 - a. engage the assistance of the Office of Legislative Services, who shall be designated as Secretary of the committee;
 - b. with the approval of the Speaker of the General Assembly, engage any outside resources or services as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes;
 - c. incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform its duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it for its purposes; and
 - d. agree to conditions on information gathering as necessary and appropriate.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Clerk of the General Assembly.

Approved October 29, 2024