Public Act No. 26-141, Section 8

An Act Concerning Justices of the Peace.

(a) There is established a working group to examine and make recommendations concerning (1) the methods of determining the number of justice of the peace positions in each municipality and statewide; (2) the portability of a justice of the peace appointment in one municipality to other municipalities; (3) the process by which justices of the peace are selected; (4) potential training, minimum qualifications, application processes and background check requirements for justices of the peace; (5) oversight of justices of the peace, including the potential for levying fines; (6) potential legal consequences for misrepresenting a person's status as a justice of the peace; and (7) issues related to human trafficking, forced marriage and marriage fraud.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a justice of the peace and one of whom is a representative of a professional organization for justices of the peace;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who are town clerks;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a town party chairperson;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a justice of the peace and not a member of a major political party;

(5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a town party chairperson and one of whom is a town clerk;

(6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom is a justice of the peace and one of whom is a town clerk; and

(7) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee.

(c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the chairperson of the working group and shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and to the Secretary of the State. The working group shall terminate upon the submission of such report.