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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, According to a January 2009 public opinion poll,
3 roughly three-quarters of Illinois residents indicated they
4 believe that comprehensive campaign finance reform would make
5 "a big difference" or "some difference" in making State
6 government work better; and

7 WHEREAS, According to that same poll, 81% of the public has
8 indicated that it trusts State government to do the right thing
9 "some of the time" or "almost never"; and

10 WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and members of the General
11 Assembly have a duty to thoroughly discuss and analyze the
12 effects of any changes made to the current campaign finance
13 system to ensure that reform is meaningful and reflective of
14 the will of the people of Illinois; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 there is created the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with the
20 following tasks:

21 (1) analyzing the public policy implications of

1 regulating the campaign finance system of the State of
2 Illinois;

3 (2) analyzing current campaign finance law to ensure
4 the proposal is in accordance with the accepted
5 jurisprudence;

6 (3) ensuring that any recommended system would reflect
7 the best practices of other jurisdictions;

8 (4) ensuring that the enforcement and disclosure of any
9 campaign finance system be integral to the proposal; and

10 (5) recommending a comprehensive campaign finance
11 model for adoption in Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
13 following:

14 (1) Two legislative members, appointed by the Speaker
15 of the House;

16 (2) Two legislative members, appointed by the
17 President of the Senate;

18 (3) Two legislative members, appointed by the House
19 Minority Leader;

20 (4) Two legislative members, appointed by the Senate
21 Minority Leader;

22 (5) Two members of a statewide labor organization,
23 appointed by the Governor;

24 (6) Two representatives of a business organization,
25 appointed by the Governor;

1 (7) Four members of the general public, appointed by
2 the Governor;

3 (8) One member, appointed by the Governor, who shall
4 act as Chair; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the staff of the State Board of Elections,
6 shall be responsible for staffing the Task Force; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold public hearings on
9 campaign finance regulation, no less than one per month,
10 between July of 2009 and October of 2009; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall recommend a campaign
12 finance reform proposal that will curtail public corruption and
13 promote confidence in the operation of Illinois government; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report its finding to
16 the Illinois House of Representatives on or before November 1,
17 2009; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Speaker of the House, the President of the
20 Senate, the House Minority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader,
21 the Governor, and the Board members of the State Board of

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