

Louisiana Government Reorganization Commission

If the legislature so chooses, it can create a special Task Force to make specific recommendations on any legislative matter. This proposal allows for the creation of two different types of task forces. For ease of reference these are referred to as Task Force 1 or Task Force 2.

The membership of the Task Force shall be determined by the legislature when the Task Force is created.

Under either option the legislature must consider and vote on the task force recommendations.

Since the recommendation of a Task Force 2 must be rejected by a super majority vote of either the House or Senate it can only be created by a 2/3rd votes of both chambers.

General rule: a Task Force Recommendation (TFR) which requires legislative action must be filed as a bill no later than the next regular session following the submission of the TFR to the legislature. The Speaker of the House and/or the President of the Senate shall designate one or more members as authors of the bill. After it is filed, the bill is referred to a legislative committee according subject matter for consideration just like any other legislative instrument.

Legislative Procedure for a Task Force 1 Committee Recommendation:

A TFR is subject to the same procedural rules applicable to other legislative instruments except that it must be reported by the legislative committee to the full House or Senate for consideration. The Committee may report the TFR with or without amendments, without action, favorably or unfavorably. The Committee may not report a substitute bill. The TFR may be amended by a legislative committee or on the floor of either chamber.

The Chairperson of the Task Force or his or her designee may be authorized by the primary author of the bill to present the matter on the House or Senate Floor at the time it is considered for final passage.

If the bill is referred to a conference committee, the conference committee must consider the matter and timely submit a report to the House and Senate. The report must be considered by the House and Senate prior to adjournment. The Conference Committee shall be comprised of 7 members. One of the members shall be the Chairperson of the Task Force.

Legislative Procedure for a Class 2 Committee Recommendation:

A TFR is subject to the same procedural rules applicable to a Task Force 1 Recommendation as summarized above except that on final passage **it must be rejected** by a super majority vote (60%) of the House or Senate. If it is not rejected, it is considered "adopted" and sent to the other chamber for consideration. If neither chamber votes to reject the recommendation it is sent to the Governor for approval or veto.