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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4406

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By Representatives D. Schmidt, D. Sommers, L. Thomas, Wensman, Cairnes, Doumit, Dunshee, Smith, Reams, Dunn, Wolfe, Gardner and Dickerson

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1 WHEREAS, The security and fairness of the electoral process is of  
2 paramount significance; and

3 WHEREAS, The increasing popularity and convenience of absentee  
4 voting has dramatically altered the electoral process; and

5 WHEREAS, Questions have arisen over the security associated with  
6 absentee voting and the appropriate procedures for absentee voting;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
8 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select  
9 committee on absentee voting be established to review absentee voting  
10 procedures and security; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of thirteen  
12 members: Four members of the House of Representatives, two from each  
13 caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; four  
14 members of the Senate, two from each caucus, appointed by the President  
15 of the Senate; one member appointed by the Secretary of State; one  
16 member appointed by the Washington Association of County Auditors; one  
17 member appointed by the chair of the Republican State Central  
18 Committee; one member appointed by the Democratic State Central  
19 Committee; and one member representing the general public appointed by  
20 joint action of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
21 President of the Senate; and

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the legislature by adjournment of the 1998 regular  
3 legislative session.

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