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1 Beginning on page 1, line 3, strike all material through
2 "43.135.031." on page 6, line 39 and insert the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.72
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) The blue ribbon task force on advisory votes is created to
6 improve the process for gathering public input on legislative
7 measures which raise taxes or fees by:

8 (a) Evaluating advisory votes;

9 (b) Evaluating the effectiveness of the advisory vote process at
10 communicating the activities of the legislature on tax issues to the
11 public; and

12 (c) Incorporating suggestions from the public on how to improve
13 the advisory vote process.

14 (2) The task force is composed of the following members:

15 (a) Eight members representing nonprofit, nonpartisan
16 organizations focused on state tax issues, of which:

17 (i) Two members must be appointed by the majority leader of the
18 senate;

19 (ii) Two members must be appointed by the minority leader of the
20 senate;

21 (iii) Two members must be appointed by the speaker of the house
22 of representatives; and

23 (iv) Two members must be appointed by the minority leader of the
24 house of representatives;

25 (b) Two members appointed by the governor;

26 (c) Two members appointed by the secretary of state; and

27 (d) Two members appointed by the Washington association of county
28 auditors.

29 (3) Each appointing authority under subsection (2)(b) through (d)
30 of this section must select one appointee who is an appointed public
31 official and one private citizen, with a preference for private
32 citizens with experience in state tax issues, public financing, or
33 state ballot measures.

1 (4) The task force must hold public meetings for the purpose of
2 gathering public testimony and input. The task force must hold at
3 least one public meeting in each congressional district in the state.
4 Public notice must be given of all meetings under the requirements in
5 chapter 42.30 RCW. The task force must provide options for remote
6 public participation. Whenever possible, meetings of the task force
7 must be held at locations that provide accommodations for persons
8 with accessibility or mobility issues. The task force must also
9 consult with experts in election administration, public polling,
10 public sector finance, and other areas as the task force deems
11 appropriate to further the purposes of this section and may invite
12 their testimony at public meetings.

13 (5) The task force must provide a report with its findings and
14 recommendations on improvements to the advisory vote process to the
15 relevant committees of the legislature by December 1, 2024.

16 (6) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
17 secretary of state.

18 (7) Members must be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.220
19 in addition to travel expenses provided by RCW 43.03.050 and
20 43.03.060.

21 (8) This section expires January 1, 2025."

22 On page 7, beginning on line 1, after "line" strike all material
23 through "43.135.041." on line 5 and insert "1 of the title, after
24 "to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "creating the blue
25 ribbon task force on advisory votes; adding a new section to chapter
26 29A.72 RCW; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Removes all language from the underlying bill which
abolished advisory votes and required the creation of a website with
information about the state budget and revenue-generating measures
with the creation of a blue ribbon task force to provide
recommendations on improving the process for gathering public input
on legislation that raises taxes or fees.

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