



Staff Memorandum

HOUSE OF DELEGATES Agenda Item #12

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of a scheduling resolution to govern consideration of the report of the Task Force on Evaluating Candidates for Election to Judicial Office at the April 13, 2019 meeting.

Attached is a resolution offered by the Task Force on Evaluating Candidates for Election to Judicial Office to govern the House's consideration of the Task Force's report and recommendations at the April 13, 2019 House meeting. The resolution sets a March 15, 2019 deadline for submission of comments on the report in order to allow the Task Force time for review and sets rules for debate and vote at the April 13 meeting.

The resolution will be presented at the January 18 meeting by Task Force co-chairs Hon. Susan P. Read and Robert L. Haig.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO GOVERN CONSIDERATION
OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON
EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE**

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates hereby adopts the following procedures to govern consideration at the April 13, 2019 meeting of the House, and any subsequent meetings as may be necessary, of the report and recommendations of the Task Force on Evaluation of Candidates for Election to Judicial Office:

1. The report and recommendations of the Task Force will be circulated to members of the House, sections and committees, county and local bar associations, and other interested parties.
2. **Comments on report and recommendations:** Any comments on the Special Committee's report or particular recommendations contained therein must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Association at the Bar Center by March 15, 2019; otherwise they shall not be considered. All comments complying with this procedure shall be distributed to the members of the House in advance of the April 13, 2019 meeting.
3. **Consideration of the report and recommendations at the April 13, 2019 meeting and any subsequent meetings:** The report and recommendations will be scheduled for formal debate and vote at the April 13, 2019 meeting and considered in the following manner:
 - a. The Task Force shall be given an opportunity to present its report and recommendations.
 - b. All those wishing to speak with regard to the report and recommendations may do so only once for no more than three minutes.
 - c. The Task Force may respond to questions and comments as appropriate.
 - d. Procedural motions shall be considered out of order until debate on substantive issues is concluded.
 - e. A vote on the report and recommendations shall be taken at the conclusion of the debate.