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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Satcowitz of Randolph, Tomlinson of
Winooski, Berbeco of Winooski, Burrows of West Windsor,
Cina of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Headrick of Burlington,
James of Manchester, Logan of Burlington, McGill of Bridport,
Morrow of Weston, Olson of Starksboro, Stevens of Waterbury,
and Torre of Moretown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Executive; Citizens' Assembly

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create the Vermont Citizens' Assembly. This body of 150 Vermont residents would make legislative recommendations to the Vermont General Assembly. These recommendations would address issues of significant public concern facing the State. Participation would be voluntary, determined by a sortition process to select a representative group of Vermont residents. Members would be paid a daily wage equal to the wage of the median Vermonter and reimbursed for lodging, food, child care, and travel costs. The Assembly would have a one-year term and meet from mid-June to mid-November for two weekends per month during this period. The Assembly would be a fully independent body

1 that selected one issue each year for its work, with each iteration of the
2 Assembly deciding the next Assembly's issue for that subsequent term. The
3 Assembly would have its own permanent staff and website and be funded by
4 appropriations from the State General Fund.

5 An act relating to the creation of the Citizens' Assembly

6 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

7 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)