

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KUKOVICH, DeWEESE, PISTELLA, CLARK, MICHLOVIC,
TIGUE AND STEWART, JUNE 13, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 14, 1984

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint
2 a special committee to investigate the voting practices and
3 procedures of members of the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission.

4 WHEREAS, A complaint against Governor Dick Thornburgh was
5 filed with the Pennsylvania Ethics Commission alleging a
6 violation of the laws of the Commonwealth when the Executive
7 Mansion was used as the site of an event intended to raise funds
8 for a political purpose; and

9 WHEREAS, Two gubernatorial appointees to the Pennsylvania
10 Ethics Commission who had been in attendance at the event under
11 question voted to dismiss the complaint; and

12 WHEREAS, Public trust and confidence in the Pennsylvania
13 Ethics Commission may have been compromised because of the
14 voting procedures of its members; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 appoint a seven-member bi-partisan committee, four from the
17 majority and three from the minority, to investigate the voting
18 practices and procedures of members of the Pennsylvania Ethics

1 Commission; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
3 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
4 necessary in this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas under the
5 hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to appear
6 before the committee and to answer questions touching matters
7 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
8 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
9 necessary. The subpoenas may be served upon any person and shall
10 have the same effect as subpoenas issued out of the courts of
11 this Commonwealth. Any person who willfully neglects or refuses
12 to testify before the committee or to produce any books, papers,
13 records or documents shall be subject to the penalties provided
14 by the laws of this Commonwealth in such case. Each member of
15 the committee shall have power to administer oaths and
16 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That the special committee will receive additional
19 necessary staffing from current resources available to the
20 Majority and Minority Caucuses; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
22 recommendations to the House of Representatives within 90 days.