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### A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study and  
2 report on dividing the Public Utility Commission into two  
3 separate entities.

4 WHEREAS, The increasing high costs of utility service is  
5 having a greater adverse effect upon the economy and residents  
6 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, The Public Utility Commission is empowered to  
8 regulate a wide variety of utility enterprises; and

9 WHEREAS, The wide range of responsibilities exercised by the  
10 Public Utility Commission dilutes its expertise and reduces its  
11 ability to effectively regulate all public utilities; and

12 WHEREAS, The people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would  
13 be better served by a regulatory body with more strictly defined  
14 responsibilities; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania directs the Joint  
16 State Government Commission to investigate and prepare a report  
17 within 180 days on the feasibility, benefits and costs of a

1 division of the Public Utility Commission into two separate  
2 entities, one to regulate transportation-related utilities and  
3 the other to retain all other current responsibilities of the  
4 Public Utility Commission.