

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 23, 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating a select committee of the House of Representatives to  
2 examine the election procedures in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, The problems and controversy surrounding the 2000  
4 Presidential election in Florida have heightened public  
5 awareness of possible shortcomings in voting procedures in this  
6 Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Media reports have noted the wide range of voting  
8 methods across the 67 counties of this Commonwealth and the  
9 disparity in county investments in improving and updating these  
10 methods; and

11 WHEREAS, Citizen confidence in the fairness and accuracy of  
12 voting procedures is indispensable to the functioning and  
13 legitimacy of democracy in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, It is to the advantage of the citizens of this  
15 Commonwealth and to the officials of the General Assembly and  
16 other State and local governments to be apprised of any flaws in

1 and possible improvements which could be made to Pennsylvania  
2 election procedures; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hold hearings  
4 conducted by a select committee on the election procedures of  
5 this Commonwealth, including, but not limited to, voter  
6 registration procedures, absentee voting, voting techniques and  
7 devices including electronic voting; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the committee be composed of 15 members, as  
9 follows:

10 (1) Eight members appointed in the aggregate by the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority  
12 Leader of the House of Representatives.

13 (2) Seven members appointed by the Minority Leader of  
14 the House of Representatives;

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That these appointments be made within 30 days of  
17 the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the select committee may hold hearings, take  
19 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems  
20 necessary in this Commonwealth, each member of the select  
21 committee to have power to administer oaths and affirmations to  
22 witnesses appearing before the select committee; and be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the select committee prepare a report with  
25 findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives and  
26 this report be submitted within six months of the adoption of  
27 this resolution.