

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS, SWANGER, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, K. SMITH
AND SAMUELSON, APRIL 3, 2007

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 28, 2007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a commission to study the Commonwealth's fragmented
2 system of local governance and identify methods to promote
3 more regional collaboration in the delivery of municipal
4 services and the execution of local government.

5 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,

6 in response to the ~~recommendation of the Brookings Institution~~ <—

7 ~~in its report on this Commonwealth,~~ RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2007 <—

8 BROOKINGS INSTITUTION REPORT, COMMITTING TO PROSPERITY; MOVING

9 FORWARD ON THE AGENDA TO RENEW PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE

10 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2007 PENNSYLVANIA ECONOMY LEAGUE REPORT,

11 STRUCTURING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES; direct the Majority Leader of

12 the Senate and the Majority Leader of the House of

13 Representatives to appoint a commission to study the

14 Commonwealth's system of local governance and identify methods

15 to promote more regional collaboration in the delivery of

1 municipal services and the execution of local government; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the membership of the commission be:

4 ~~(1) The Executive Director of the Center for Local~~ <—
5 ~~Government~~

6 (1) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND <—
7 DEVELOPMENT, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, who shall serve as chairperson.

9 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives or
11 their designees.

12 (3) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE <—
13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE OR THEIR DESIGNEES.

14 ~~(3)~~ (4) Members appointed as follows: <—

15 (i) A representative of the Pennsylvania Economy
16 League, appointed from a list submitted by the league to
17 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

18 (ii) A representative of the County Commissioners
19 Association of Pennsylvania, appointed from a list
20 submitted by the association to the Speaker of the House
21 of Representatives.

22 (iii) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
23 Association of Township Supervisors, appointed from a
24 list submitted by the association to the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives.

26 (iv) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
27 Association of Boroughs, appointed from a list submitted
28 by the association to the President pro tempore of the
29 Senate.

30 (v) A representative of the League of Cities and

1 Municipalities, appointed from a list submitted by the
2 league to the President pro tempore of the Senate.
3 (vi) The Executive Director of the Local Government
4 Commission OR HIS DESIGNEE; <—
5 and be it further
6 RESOLVED, That the commission be staffed by the Governor's
7 Center for Local Government Services; and be it further
8 RESOLVED, That the commission be charged with the following:
9 ~~(1) A study of the current system and State programs.~~ <—
10 (1) A STUDY OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE <—
11 AND STATE PROGRAMS IMPACTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
12 (2) Recommendation of changes to remove barriers to
13 regional cooperation.
14 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEASURES TO ENSURE MUNICIPAL <—
15 FISCAL STABILITY.
16 ~~(3)~~ (4) Recommendation of changes to improve incentives <—
17 to regional cooperation; and be it further
18 RESOLVED, That the commission report to the General Assembly
19 the results of its study and its recommendations and file the
20 report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of
21 the House of Representatives by November 30, 2007 2008. <—