

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 272 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, BRENNAN, CUTLER, DeLUCA, DERMODY, EVERETT, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRELL, GROVE, GRUCELA, HALUSKA, JOSEPHS, KOTIK, KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAHONEY, MANN, McILVAINE SMITH, MELIO, MILLARD, MOUL, MUNDY, MURT, PRESTON, QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, STURLA, TRUE, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 28, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 28, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study of the Commonwealth's fragmented system of
3 property tax reassessment, compare it to the property tax
4 reassessment system in Maryland, explore property tax systems
5 of other states and identify ways to improve the system in
6 Pennsylvania, including the impact of adopting the Maryland
7 system.

8 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,
9 in response to the 2006 Governance Committee Report,

10 Recommendations to Remove Barriers and Provide Incentives to
11 County and Local Governments for Improved Governance Options and
12 in response to the current economic hardship throughout the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, direct the Legislative Budget and
14 Finance Committee to conduct a study of the Commonwealth's
15 fragmented system of property tax reassessment; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
18 be charged with the following:

1 (1) Conduct a study of the current system of property
2 tax reassessment in Pennsylvania.

3 (2) Conduct a study of the current system of property
4 tax reassessment in Maryland.

5 (3) Conduct a study of other systems of property
6 taxation implemented within other states with demographics
7 similar to Pennsylvania.

8 (4) Conduct a study of the advantages and disadvantages
9 of adopting the Maryland system in this Commonwealth.

10 (5) Prepare a summary of the changes to Pennsylvania law
11 that are necessary to adopt the Maryland system.

12 (6) Provide any other recommendations necessary or
13 desirable to improve the system of property tax reassessment
14 in Pennsylvania;

15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
17 report to the General Assembly the results of its studies and
18 its recommendations and file the report with the Secretary of
19 the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
20 within six months of the adoption of this concurrent resolution.