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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 13, 1997

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing a select committee to study the ramifications of  
2 repealing The Local Tax Enabling Act and taxation provisions  
3 of local government codes and authorizing local government  
4 units to devise their own systems of taxation.

5 WHEREAS, Taxpayers across this Commonwealth are in desperate  
6 need of local tax reform; and

7 WHEREAS, Local officials are in the best position to know the  
8 desires of their residents for services and the ability of their  
9 residents to pay local taxes; and

10 WHEREAS, Legislation may be proposed to repeal the act of  
11 December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax  
12 Enabling Act, and the taxation provisions of local government  
13 codes; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
15 form a select committee to study the ramifications of repealing  
16 The Local Tax Enabling Act and taxation provisions of local  
17 government codes and authorizing local government units to  
18 devise their own systems of taxation; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the committee shall be comprised of six  
2 members as follows:

3           (1) a member to be appointed by the President pro  
4 tempore of the Senate, by the Majority Leader of the Senate  
5 and by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

6           (2) a member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
7 of Representatives, by the Majority Leader of the House of  
8 Representatives and by the Minority Leader of the House of  
9 Representatives;

10 and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That these appointments are to be made within 30  
12 days of adoption of this resolution by the Senate and the House  
13 of Representatives; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the select committee may hold hearings, take  
15 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems  
16 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the select  
17 committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations  
18 to witnesses appearing before the select committee; and be it  
19 further

20       RESOLVED, That the select committee shall prepare a report  
21 with findings and recommendations to the Finance Committee of  
22 the Senate and the Finance Committee of the House of  
23 Representatives. The report of the select committee shall be  
24 submitted within six months of adoption of this resolution by  
25 the Senate and the House of Representatives.