
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
NOVEMBER 13, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Information Technology and Electronic Commerce
2 Advisory Council and Committee on Information Technology and
3 Electronic Commerce and providing for their powers and
4 duties.

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is continually
6 confronted with the many complex issues that surround the
7 development and application of information technology electronic
8 commerce in various sectors of public policy; and

9 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the House of Representatives to
10 provide its individual members, staff and committees with a
11 resource to assist in evaluating public policy issues
12 encompassing information technology and electronic commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives can convene major
14 leaders of business and labor, representatives from the
15 executive and judicial branches of government and appointees
16 from legislative staffs and agencies, the Office of Attorney

1 General, the Office of Auditor General, the Office of State
2 Treasurer, major regulatory agencies and academe as a resource
3 for the exploration of public policy issues impacted by
4 information technology and electronic commerce; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish the
6 Information and Electronic Commerce Advisory Council and
7 Committee on Information Technology and Electronic Commerce to
8 provide the House of Representatives with an independent,
9 nonpartisan source of information and advice on information
10 technology and electronic commerce and to focus and report on
11 technology developments and initiatives; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Information Technology and Electronic
13 Commerce Advisory Council shall consist of a representative of
14 the Office for Information Technology within the Office of
15 Administration appointed by the Governor, a representative of
16 the Auditor General appointed by the Auditor General, a
17 representative of the State Treasurer appointed by the State
18 Treasurer, a representative of the Attorney General appointed by
19 the Attorney General, a representative of the Pennsylvania
20 Public Utility Commission appointed by the chair of the
21 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, a representative of the
22 Pennsylvania Supreme Court appointed by the court, the Chief
23 Clerk of the House of Representatives, the chair of the
24 Legislative Data Processing Committee, the director of the
25 Legislative Reference Bureau, the executive director of the
26 Legislative Office for Research Liaison (LORL), the Computer
27 Services/Information Technology directors from each of the two
28 caucuses, one member appointed by each of the two caucus floor
29 leaders, a member chosen by the Pennsylvania Association of
30 Colleges and Universities (PACU) and a member chosen by the

1 Association of Community Colleges; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the objectives of the Information Technology
3 and Electronic Commerce Advisory Council shall be to bring
4 diversity of public and private sector perspectives to bear on
5 information technology and electronic commerce issues before the
6 Commonwealth, to promote proactive discussion of emergent issues
7 in information technology and electronic commerce as they may
8 affect both the Commonwealth and the operations of the House of
9 Representatives, to identify, examine and assess alternative
10 approaches to dealing with the issues identified, together with
11 analysis of the pros and cons of each, to provide testimony,
12 written analysis, counsel and advice to the members and staff of
13 the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the House of
14 Representatives and to organize briefings, workshops and
15 conferences upon request by the Committee on Information
16 Technology and Electronic Commerce; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That each member shall serve for the duration of a
18 two-year legislative session or until replaced; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the appointee of the Majority Leader of the
21 House of Representatives shall be chair and the appointee of the
22 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall be vice
23 chair during the 2003 and 2004 legislative session of the House
24 of Representatives, and the chair and vice chair shall alternate
25 in subsequent sessions of the House of Representatives between
26 the appointee of the Majority Leader and the appointee of the
27 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives beginning with
28 the 2005 and 2006 legislative session of the House of
29 Representatives; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Information Technology and Electronic

1 Commerce Advisory Council shall be assisted by a Committee on
2 Information Technology and Electronic Commerce, which is hereby
3 established, comprised of the majority and minority chairs of
4 the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the House of
5 Representatives; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the committee shall schedule and convene the
7 meetings of the council and shall adopt such rules governing the
8 organization and proceedings of the committee as deemed
9 appropriate; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That any member of the committee may request the
11 council to consider and assess topics related to information
12 technology and electronic commerce of interest to that member;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee shall adopt such rules governing
15 the organization and proceedings of the council as it deems
16 appropriate; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect January 1,
18 2003.