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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 29, 2003

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A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Statewide 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  
17 General, the Office of Auditor General, the Office of State  
18 Treasurer, major regulatory agencies and academe as a resource

1 for the exploration of public policy issues impacted by  
2 information technology and electronic commerce; therefore be it

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

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

30       RESOLVED, That the objectives of the Statewide Technology and

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

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

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

28       RESOLVED, That the Statewide Technology and Electronic  
29 Commerce Advisory Council shall be assisted by the Committee on  
30 Information Technology and Electronic Commerce, which is hereby

1 established, comprised of the majority and minority chairs of  
2 the subcommittee on Information Technology of the  
3 Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the House of  
4 Representatives; and be it further

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

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

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

16       RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect immediately.