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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, JUNE 18, 2003

## 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~~ WITHIN THE <—  
4 COMMERCE COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS powers and 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

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

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

12       RESOLVED, That the Statewide 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~~ TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, ONE <—  
29 OF WHICH SHALL BE appointed by each of the two caucus floor  
30 leaders, a member chosen by the Pennsylvania Association of

1 Colleges and Universities (PACU) and a member chosen by the  
2 Association of Community Colleges; and be it further

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

19       ~~RESOLVED, That each member shall serve for the duration of a~~ <—  
20 ~~two year legislative session or until replaced; and be it~~  
21 ~~further~~

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

1 ~~Representatives; and be it further~~

2 ~~RESOLVED, That the Statewide Technology and Electronic~~  
3 ~~Commerce Advisory Council shall be assisted by the Committee on~~  
4 ~~Information Technology and Electronic Commerce, which is hereby~~  
5 ~~established, comprised of the majority and minority chairs of~~  
6 ~~the subcommittee on Information Technology of the~~  
7 ~~Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the House of~~  
8 ~~Representatives; and be it further~~

9 ~~RESOLVED, That the committee~~ COMMERCE COMMITTEE shall <—  
10 schedule and convene the meetings of the ~~council~~ STATEWIDE <—  
11 TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ADVISORY COUNCIL and shall  
12 adopt such rules governing the organization and proceedings of  
13 the committee as deemed appropriate; and be it further

14 ~~RESOLVED, That any member of the committee may request the~~ <—  
15 ~~council to consider and assess topics related to information~~  
16 ~~technology and electronic commerce of interest to that member;~~  
17 ~~and be it further~~

18 ~~RESOLVED, That the committee shall adopt such rules governing~~  
19 ~~the organization and proceedings of the council as it deems~~  
20 ~~appropriate; and be it further~~

21 ~~RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect immediately.~~