

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 867 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, GOODMAN, WHEATLEY, McCARTER, McNEILL,
GRELL, RAVENSTAHL, DEASY, KOTIK, NEILSON, KINSEY, LUCAS,
KILLION, V. BROWN, GAINNEY, HAGGERTY, KIRKLAND, SCHLOSSBERG,
BROWNLEE, LONGIETTI, WATSON, MILLARD, YOUNGBLOOD, MARSHALL,
D. COSTA, HARHART, GIBBONS, COX AND MAHONEY, JUNE 2, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 2, 2014

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the
2 feasibility of the Commonwealth offering a pilot program
3 providing for electronic voting for members of the armed
4 services and to reexamine existing Federal and State laws
5 relating to electronic voting for members of the armed
6 services.

7 WHEREAS, Members of the armed services and the member's
8 spouse or dependent should be confident that their voting
9 privileges are protected, the processing of ballots is secure
10 and their votes will be considered by the Commonwealth in a
11 timely manner; and

12 WHEREAS, 2014 marks the 77th anniversary of the act of June
13 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election
14 Code, a law which is as relevant today as it was on the day it
15 was signed; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Election Code provides a simplified
17 voting process for military and overseas voters, but does not
18 address electronic voting by military and overseas voters; and

1 WHEREAS, Legislative efforts are currently under way in
2 several states including Texas, Alaska, Connecticut, Maryland
3 and Nevada with legislation pending which will address
4 electronic voting by military and overseas voters from their
5 respective states; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
7 direct the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study
8 to determine the feasibility of the Commonwealth offering a
9 pilot program providing for electronic voting for members of the
10 armed services; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the study include the following:

12 (1) A review of the Federal Election Code and the laws
13 of this Commonwealth to determine their effectiveness in
14 providing for a pilot program for electronic voting for
15 members of the armed services.

16 (2) A review of current training and funding mechanisms
17 to determine if government agencies have the tools and
18 resources they need to identify and pursue a pilot program
19 providing for electronic voting for members of the armed
20 services.

21 (3) A review of Federal policy initiatives related to a
22 pilot program providing for electronic voting for members of
23 the armed services and an analysis on how they may be applied
24 to this Commonwealth; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
26 its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation to the
27 General Assembly within six months of the adoption of this
28 resolution.