

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 181 Session of
1990

INTRODUCED BY BELL, AUGUST 23, 1990

REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, AUGUST 23, 1990

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the appointment of a nonpartisan commission to
2 investigate all aspects of the fiscal structure and
3 operations of the City of Philadelphia.

4 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is facing a very real
5 financial crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Goode, in a televised speech on August 20,
7 1990, said that Philadelphia faces a possible fiscal
8 "catastrophe"; and

9 WHEREAS, During the speech, the Mayor said that his
10 administration was considering selling or leasing some city-
11 owned properties and raised the possibility of layoffs of
12 municipal employees; and

13 WHEREAS, The Mayor said that the city "will run low on
14 readily available cash next spring"; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia clearly needs assistance to
16 resolve the massive fiscal problems it faces; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
18 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the
2 minority leader of the House of Representatives appoint a
3 nonpartisan commission to investigate and examine all aspects of
4 Philadelphia's fiscal structure and operations; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the commission shall consist of such members
7 as the legislative leaders determine to be appropriate but shall
8 include officials of the City of Philadelphia from both
9 political parties and persons who possess established expertise
10 in municipal finance; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That appointments to the commission shall be made
12 as expeditiously as possible and the commission shall meet and
13 organize with dispatch; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the commission hold hearings, take testimony
15 and make its investigation and examination in such manner and at
16 such places as it deems necessary; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the commission issue a preliminary report of
18 its findings, together with its recommendations, 60 days after
19 the date of adoption of this concurrent resolution; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the commission issue a final report six months
22 after the date of adoption of this concurrent resolution.