
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY RYAN, IRVIS, MANDERINO, HAYES AND O'DONNELL,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 25, 1985

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Creating a Special Committee of the General Assembly to advocate
2 to the Nation that the 1988 Presidential Nominating
3 Conventions be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to
4 complement and supplement America's observance of the
5 Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

6 WHEREAS, The 1988 Presidential Conventions of the Democratic
7 and Republican Parties of America will meet in quadrennial
8 session during the Nation's observance of the Bicentennial of
9 the United States Constitution; and

10 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Nation's major political
11 parties participate fully and appropriately in observing and
12 enhancing the public observance of the development, creation
13 and maintenance of the Constitution of the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, The birthplace of the Constitution of the United
15 States is Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

16 WHEREAS, The taproot of the Nation's two-party system is
17 imbedded in the pre-Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary
18 struggles within Pennsylvania; the former period marked by
19 organized struggles between Patriot and Loyalist; the latter

1 marked by the emergence of the Democratic-Republican societies
2 in Philadelphia after the adoption of the Constitution, and from
3 which emerged a free, organized and independent party system;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to being the birthplace of the
6 Constitution of the United States and many world-renowned
7 shrines of human freedom, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 served as a Mother State for the populating of the vast western
9 frontier regions of the New Nation during its first half century
10 of life; and

11 WHEREAS, By 1988, four decades will have passed since the
12 Democratic and Republican Parties met in National Convention in
13 Philadelphia; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to rendering patriotic service to the
15 people of the Nation by convening in Pennsylvania in 1988, the
16 officers of the National and State Democratic and Republican
17 Parties would ensure that delegates and guests were afforded a
18 visit to a region of America marked by scenic beauty,
19 outstanding opportunities of recreation and tourism, and the
20 opportunity to have participated as principals in an event of
21 historic consequence to the conduct of the Bicentennial
22 observance of the United States Constitution; and

23 WHEREAS, If Pennsylvanians forthrightly present their just
24 case for the convening of the parties in 1988 Convention at the
25 site of the birthplace of the Nation at an early date, other
26 state and municipal seekers of the Conventions may see fit to
27 endorse the selection of historic Philadelphia as a patriotic
28 action to recognize the political heritage of America in a
29 meaningful and lasting manner; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly

1 memorialize the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Mayor and City
2 Council of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Delegation in the
3 United States House of Representatives, the United States
4 Senators of Pennsylvania, the Chairmen of the Democratic and
5 Republican State Committees of Pennsylvania, and the
6 Pennsylvania Members of the Democratic and Republican National
7 Committees, to join the General Assembly in developing and
8 executing a program adequate to the need of securing for
9 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the Presidential Nominating
10 Conventions; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the House of
13 Representatives, the President pro tempore of the Senate, and
14 Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate serve as a
15 Special Committee of the General Assembly to further the cause
16 of securing the 1988 Presidential Nominating Conventions for
17 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be appropriately
19 prepared and transmitted to municipal, State and Federal
20 government officials, and to officers of the political parties
21 in Pennsylvania, and in the several states, who will directly or
22 indirectly affect the decisions of the two national political
23 parties in selecting the site for their respective 1988
24 Presidential Nominating Conventions.