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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,  
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## A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing the Information 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

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

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

12       RESOLVED, That the Information 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 appointed by each of the two caucus floor  
29 leaders, a member chosen by the Pennsylvania Association of  
30 Colleges and Universities (PACU) and a member chosen by the

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

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

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

30       RESOLVED, That the Information Technology and Electronic

1 Commerce Advisory Council shall be assisted by a Committee on  
2 Information Technology and Electronic Commerce, which is hereby  
3 established, comprised of the majority and minority chairs of  
4 the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of the House of  
5 Representatives; and be it further

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

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

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

17       RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect January 1,  
18 2003.