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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 838      Session of  
2004

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INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, HERMAN, CAWLEY, COSTA, HERSHEY,  
ARMSTRONG, BELFANTI, CAPPELLI, DALEY, DeWEESE, FLEAGLE,  
FRANKEL, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GOOD, GOODMAN, HANNA, HARRIS,  
HENNESSEY, KOTIK, LEDERER, MANN, MUNDY, O'NEILL, PALLONE,  
PETRARCA, RUBLEY, SAYLOR, SCRIMENTI, R. STEVENSON, STURLA,  
SURRA, TANGRETTI, THOMAS, TIGUE, WILT, SHANER, GRUCELA,  
SOLOBAY, McCALL, JOSEPHS AND WANSACZ, SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 8, 2004

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a commission to study the Commonwealth's fragmented  
2 system of local governance and identify methods to promote  
3 more regional collaboration in the delivery of municipal  
4 services and the execution of local government.

5 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly,  
6 in response to the recommendation of the Brookings Institution  
7 in its report on this Commonwealth, direct the Majority Leader  
8 of the Senate and the Majority Leader of the House of  
9 Representatives to appoint a commission to study the  
10 Commonwealth's system of local governance and identify methods  
11 to promote more regional collaboration in the delivery of  
12 municipal services and the execution of local government; and be  
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That the membership of the commission be:

15 (1) The Executive Director of the Center for Local  
16 Government, who shall serve as chairperson.

1           (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the  
2       Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives or  
3       their designees.

4           (3) Members appointed as follows:

5               (i) A representative of the Pennsylvania Economy  
6       League, appointed from a list submitted by the league to  
7       the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8               (ii) A representative of the County Commissioners  
9       Association of Pennsylvania, appointed from a list  
10      submitted by the association to the Speaker of the House  
11      of Representatives.

12              (iii) A representative of the Pennsylvania State  
13      Association of Township Supervisors, appointed from a  
14      list submitted by the association to the Speaker of the  
15      House of Representatives.

16              (iv) A representative of the Pennsylvania State  
17      Association of Boroughs, appointed from a list submitted  
18      by the association to the President pro tempore of the  
19      Senate.

20              (v) A representative of the League of Cities,  
21      appointed from a list submitted by the league to the  
22      President pro tempore of the Senate.

23              (vi) The Executive Director of the Local Government  
24      Commission;

25   and be it further

26       RESOLVED, That the commission be staffed by the Governor's  
27   Center for Local Government; and be it further

28       RESOLVED, That the commission be charged with the following:

29              (1) A study of the current system and State programs.

30              (2) Recommendation of changes to remove barriers to

1 regional cooperation.

2 (3) Recommendation of changes to improve incentives to  
3 regional cooperation; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the commission report to the General Assembly  
5 the results of its study and its recommendations and file the  
6 report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of  
7 the House of Representatives by November 30, 2004.