

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTIONNo. 180 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, KOTIK, DePASQUALE, CAPPELLI, ARGALL,
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SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SOLOBAY, STURLA, THOMAS, WANSACZ,
YOUNGBLOOD, GIBBONS, SWANGER, FREEMAN, LONGIETTI, K. SMITH
AND SAMUELSON, APRIL 3, 2007

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

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 recommendations of the 2007 Brookings
7 Institution Report, Committing to Prosperity; Moving Forward on
8 the Agenda to Renew Pennsylvania, and the recommendations of the
9 2007 Pennsylvania Economy League Report, Structuring Healthy
10 Communities; direct the Majority Leader of the Senate and the
11 Majority Leader of the House of Representatives to appoint a
12 commission to study the Commonwealth's system of local
13 governance and identify methods to promote more regional
14 collaboration in the delivery of municipal services and the
15 execution of local government; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the membership of the commission be:

2 (1) The Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and
3 Development, Pennsylvania Department of Community and
4 Economic Development, who shall serve as chairperson.

5 (2) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
6 Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives or
7 their designees.

8 (3) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
9 Local Government Committee of the Senate or their designees.

10 (4) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY
11 LEADER OF THE SENATE. <—

12 (5) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY
13 LEADER OF THE SENATE.

14 (6) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
15 BY THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

16 (7) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED
17 BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

18 ~~(4)~~ (8) Members appointed as follows: <—

19 (i) A representative of the Pennsylvania Economy
20 League, appointed from a list submitted by the league to
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

22 (ii) A representative of the County Commissioners
23 Association of Pennsylvania, appointed from a list
24 submitted by the association to the Speaker of the House
25 of Representatives.

26 (iii) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
27 Association of Township Supervisors, appointed from a
28 list submitted by the association to the Speaker of the
29 House of Representatives.

30 (iv) A representative of the Pennsylvania State

1 Association of Boroughs, appointed from a list submitted
2 by the association to the President pro tempore of the
3 Senate.

4 (v) A representative of the League of Cities and
5 Municipalities, appointed from a list submitted by the
6 league to the President pro tempore of the Senate.

7 (VI) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL <—
8 AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION, APPOINTED FROM A LIST SUBMITTED
9 BY THE ASSOCIATION TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE
10 SENATE.

11 (VII) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF 10,000 FRIENDS OF
12 PENNSYLVANIA, ONE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION AT LARGE,
13 AND ONE REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION'S SUBSIDIARY
14 CAMPAIGN TO RENEW PENNSYLVANIA, BOTH APPOINTED FROM A
15 LIST SUBMITTED BY THE ORGANIZATION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

17 (VIII) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD, OR
18 HIS DESIGNEE.

19 ~~(vi)~~ (IX) The Executive Director of the Local <—
20 Government Commission or his designee;

21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the commission be staffed by the ~~Governor's~~ <—
23 ~~Center for Local Government Services~~ LEGISLATIVE OFFICE FOR <—
24 RESEARCH LIAISON; and be it further

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

26 (1) A study of the current system of local governance
27 and State programs impacting local governments.

28 (2) Recommendation of changes to remove barriers to
29 regional cooperation.

30 (3) Recommendations of measures to ensure municipal

1 fiscal stability.

2 (4) 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, 2008.