
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 389 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY CUTLER, GREINER, DIAMOND, BAKER, CAUSER, FEE,
KRIEGER, TOPPER, BARRAR, MILLARD, KNOWLES, GROVE, JAMES,
GRELL, SANKEY, A. HARRIS, HICKERNELL, B. MILLER, SONNEY, MOUL
AND SAYLOR, JUNE 11, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 11, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Appointing a committee and empowering it to make investigation.

2 RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the General

3 Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Judiciary

4 Committee be authorized to investigate the conduct of the

5 Honorable Kelly S. Ballentine, a Magisterial District Judge for

6 Lancaster County, to determine whether Kelly S. Ballentine is

7 liable to impeachment for misbehavior in office and to report to

8 the House the conclusions of the committee in respect to the

9 investigation and determination with its appropriate

10 recommendations; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee shall designate the

12 Subcommittee on Courts to take testimony, review documents or

13 other materials and interview witnesses for the use of the

14 Judiciary Committee. The Subcommittee on Courts is authorized

15 and empowered to:

16 (1) make recommendations to the Judiciary Committee and

1 in the performance of its duties;

2 (2) send for persons and papers and subpoena witnesses,
3 documents, and other materials under the seal of the
4 Subcommittee Chairman;

5 (3) administer oaths to witnesses;

6 (4) take testimony; and

7 (5) prepare and file pleadings and other legal
8 documents;

9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That upon receipt of the recommendations of the
11 Subcommittee on Courts, the Judiciary Committee be authorized
12 and empowered to:

13 (1) send for persons and papers and subpoena witnesses,
14 documents and other materials under the hand and seal of the
15 chairman;

16 (2) administer oaths to witnesses;

17 (3) take testimony;

18 (4) prepare and file pleadings and other legal
19 documents; and

20 (5) employ staff;

21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a sergeant-at-arms or his deputy shall serve
23 the process of the Judiciary Committee and Subcommittee on
24 Courts and execute its orders. The Judiciary Committee and
25 Subcommittee on Courts are authorized to sit during the sessions
26 of this House. The expenses of the investigation shall be paid
27 out of an appropriate account of the Chief Clerk, except that if
28 any staff expenses or compensation are to be paid by the Chief
29 Clerk, the approval of the Bipartisan Management Committee shall
30 be required.