
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, LEMMOND, A. WILLIAMS, O'PAKE, ORIE,
COSTA, BOSCOLA, KUKOVICH, HOLL, MOWERY, KITCHEN AND
C. WILLIAMS, JUNE 17, 2002

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 17, 2002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish a
2 bipartisan task force with an advisory committee to complete
3 the codification of Pennsylvania's law on real property and
4 to review and update the law on real property on a continuing
5 basis.

6 WHEREAS, Codification is the process of revising and
7 restating the general and permanent public statutes into a
8 concise code of law that is clear, consistent and organized; and

9 WHEREAS, Codification is necessary because session laws that
10 are drafted to address a specific purpose have an impact on
11 other statutory rights and obligations in ways that are not
12 always anticipated; and

13 WHEREAS, Statutes which are inconsistent, redundant and
14 ambiguous may be misinterpreted; and

15 WHEREAS, Title 68 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
16 (Real and Personal Property) has been only partially codified;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, On the recommendation of its Real Property, Probate
19 and Trust Section, the Pennsylvania Bar Association adopted a

1 resolution urging the Joint State Government Commission to
2 complete the codification process on the subject of real
3 property law; and

4 WHEREAS, Numerous legislative proposals are before the
5 General Assembly each session addressing substantive and
6 technical concerns with Pennsylvania's real property law; and

7 WHEREAS, Real property law is an important area of
8 substantive law that should be reviewed and updated on a
9 continuing basis; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
11 General Assembly direct the Joint State Government Commission to
12 undertake an ongoing study of Pennsylvania's law on real
13 property, codifying and updating the law; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That to accomplish this goal, a task force be
15 created consisting of two members appointed by the President pro
16 tempore of the Senate, two members appointed by the Minority
17 Leader of the Senate, two members appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives and two members appointed by the
19 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the task force create an advisory committee
22 composed of experts on real property law; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the task force and advisory committee complete
24 the codification of Pennsylvania's law on real property and
25 review and update the law on real property on a continuing
26 basis; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the task force and advisory committee from
28 time to time present its findings and recommended legislation to
29 the General Assembly.