
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 600 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, GEIST, HORNAMAN, JAMES,
JOSEPHS, MAHONEY, McILHATTAN, O'NEILL, PETRI, STURLA, SURRA,
THOMAS, WALKO AND J. WHITE, MARCH 10, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 the fiscal impact of electing the Insurance Commissioner of
3 the Commonwealth by popular vote.

4 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania currently provides
5 for the appointment of the Insurance Commissioner by the
6 Governor; and

7 WHEREAS, The Insurance Commissioner has the ability to
8 dramatically impact the lives of citizens through policy
9 decisions regarding automobile, health, homeowner's and other
10 types of insurance; and

11 WHEREAS, Many other states currently elect their Insurance
12 Commissioner by popular vote; and

13 WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the General
14 Assembly during past sessions to provide for the Statewide
15 election of the Insurance Commissioner; and

16 WHEREAS, In the current legislative session, two bills have
17 been introduced to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania to
18 provide for the election of the Insurance Commissioner; and

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 1187 and Senate Bill 633 would provide
2 for the election of the Insurance Commissioner in the same
3 election cycle as the election of the Auditor General and the
4 State Treasurer; and

5 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and the public would benefit
6 from having objective information in the debate to elect the
7 Insurance Commissioner; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
9 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial
10 impact on the Commonwealth and individual counties in providing
11 for the election of the Insurance Commissioner as prescribed by
12 House Bill 1187 and Senate Bill 633; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
14 report all findings on this matter to the General Assembly no
15 later than September 30, 2008.