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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a commission to study the Commonwealth's fragmented
2 system of property tax reassessment, compare it to the
3 property tax reassessment system in Maryland and identify
4 ways to improve the system in Pennsylvania, including the
5 impact of adopting the Maryland system.

6 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
7 direct the Majority leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader
8 of the House of Representatives to appoint a commission to study
9 the Commonwealth's fragmented system of property tax
10 reassessment, compare it to the property tax reassessment system
11 in Maryland and identify ways to improve the system in
12 Pennsylvania, including the impact of adopting the Maryland
13 system; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the membership of the commission be comprised
15 of:

16 (1) The Deputy Secretary for Community Affairs and

1 Development, Department of Community and Economic
2 Development, who shall serve as chairperson.

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

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

8 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority
9 Leader of the Senate.

10 (5) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
11 Leader of the Senate.

12 (6) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
13 by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

14 (7) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
15 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

16 (8) A representative of the Pennsylvania Economy League,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from
18 a list submitted by the league to the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives.

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

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

28 (11) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
29 Association of Boroughs, appointed by the President pro
30 tempore of the Senate from a list submitted by the

1 association to the President pro tempore of the Senate.

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

6 (13) A representative of the Pennsylvania Municipal
7 Authorities Association, appointed by the President pro
8 tempore of the Senate from a list submitted by the
9 association to the President pro tempore of the Senate.

10 (14) Two representatives of 10,000 Friends of
11 Pennsylvania, one representing the organization at large and
12 one representing the organization's subsidiary campaign to
13 Renew Pennsylvania, both appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House of Representatives from a list submitted by the
15 organization to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 (15) The Executive Director of the State Planning Board,
17 or his designee.

18 (16) The Executive Director of the Local Government
19 Commission or his designee;

20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the commission be staffed by the Legislative
22 Office for Research Liaison; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the commission be charged to:

24 (1) Study the current system of property tax
25 reassessment in this Commonwealth.

26 (2) Study the current system of property tax
27 reassessment in Maryland.

28 (3) Study the advantages and disadvantages of adopting
29 the Maryland system in this Commonwealth.

30 (4) Summarize the changes to Pennsylvania law that are

1 necessary to adopt the Maryland system.

2 (5) Make other recommendations to improve the system of
3 property tax reassessment in this Commonwealth;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the commission report to the General Assembly
6 the results of its study, summary and recommendations and file
7 the report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk
8 of the House of Representatives within six months of the
9 adoption of this concurrent resolution.