

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 273 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY YUDICHAK, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOYD, BRENNAN,
BRIGGS, CARROLL, CREIGHTON, DERMODY, FABRIZIO, FREEMAN,
GABLER, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GRELL, GRUCELA, HARRIS,
HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, LEVDANSKY, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY,
MANDERINO, MANN, MARSHALL, MELIO, MURPHY, READSHAW, REICHLEY,
SANTONI, K. SMITH, STURLA, VULAKOVICH, WHITE AND YOUNGBLOOD,
APRIL 28, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 28, 2009

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

16 RESOLVED, That the membership of the commission be:

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

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

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

9 (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority
10 Leader of the Senate.

11 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
12 Leader of the Senate.

13 (4) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
14 by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

15 (5) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
16 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

17 (6) Members appointed as follows:

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

21 (ii) A representative of the Council of State
22 Governments, appointed from a list submitted by the
23 council to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

28 (iv) Two representatives of 10,000 Friends of
29 Pennsylvania, one representing the organization is at
30 large and one representing the organization's subsidiary

1 campaign to Renew Pennsylvania, both appointed from a
2 list submitted by the organization to the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives.

4 (v) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
5 Association of Township Supervisors, appointed from a
6 list submitted by the association to the President pro
7 tempore of the Senate.

8 (vi) A representative of the Pennsylvania State
9 Association of Boroughs, appointed from a list submitted
10 by the association to the President pro tempore of the
11 Senate.

12 (vii) A representative of the Pennsylvania League of
13 Cities and Municipalities, appointed from a list
14 submitted by the league to the President pro tempore of
15 the Senate.

16 (viii) A representative of the Pennsylvania
17 Municipal Authorities Association, appointed from a list
18 submitted by the association to the President pro tempore
19 of the Senate.

20 (ix) The Executive Director of the State Planning
21 Board, or his designee.

22 (x) The Executive Director of the Local Government
23 Commission or his designee;

24 and be it further

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

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

28 (1) Conduct a study of the current system of local
29 governance in Pennsylvania.

30 (2) Conduct a study of the current State financial and

1 technical assistance programs available to municipalities.

2 (3) Provide recommended measures that would ensure or
3 improve the fiscal stability of municipalities.

4 (4) Provide recommended changes that would make regional
5 cooperation more attractive to municipalities.

6 (5) Provide recommended changes that would remove or
7 reduce barriers to regional cooperation;

8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the commission report to the General Assembly
10 the results of its study and its recommendations and file the
11 report with the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of
12 the House of Representatives within six months of the adoption
13 of this concurrent resolution.