## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 261

Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, WARD AND MCILHINNEY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 18, 2013

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 Calling for an amendment to the Constitution of the United
- 2 States in accordance with Article V to protect voters'
- 3 rights.
- 4 WHEREAS, Free and fair elections are the foundation of "one
- 5 man, one vote" in a functioning constitutional republic; and
- 6 WHEREAS, "One man, one vote" protections are threatened with
- 7 each improper voter registration and/or incidence of voter
- 8 fraud; and
- 9 WHEREAS, According to a 2012 Pew Center on the States
- 10 analysis more than 1.8 million deceased people are registered to
- 11 vote and 2.75 million people are registered to vote in more than
- 12 one state; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Several states have enacted laws requiring that
- 14 voter identifications, which are patterned after an Indiana
- 15 photo identification law, that the courts have determined are
- 16 "generally applicable, nondiscriminatory voting regulation" with
- 17 reasonable burdens; therefore be it
- 18 RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
- 19 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in

- 1 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United
- 2 States, call for an amendment to require all voters in the
- 3 United States produce a valid photo identification card for
- 4 voting in national elections in order to ensure that no one is
- 5 discriminated against and that these photo identification cards
- 6 should be issued free of charge to anyone who is unable to
- 7 afford one; and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
- 9 President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
- 10 each house of Congress, to the other 49 State legislatures and
- 11 to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.