
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FREEMAN, WEBSTER, CIRESI, DEASY, McCLINTON, HERSHEY AND
MALAGARI, JUNE 16, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 16, 2021

AN ACT

1 Providing for the designation of the lawn of the Speaker K.
2 Leroy Irvis Office Building within the Pennsylvania State
3 Capitol Complex in Harrisburg as the "Irvis Equality Circle."

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Purposes.

7 The purposes of this act are to celebrate:

8 (1) The 151st anniversary of the ratification of the
9 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
10 which was ratified on February 3, 1870, and which prohibits
11 the Federal Government and any state from denying a citizen
12 the right to vote on the basis of race, color or previous
13 condition of servitude.

14 (2) The 101st anniversary of the ratification of the
15 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States,
16 which was ratified August 18, 1920, and which prohibits the
17 Federal Government and any state from denying a citizen the

1 right to vote on the basis of sex.

2 (3) The contributions and history of the Historic 8th
3 Ward of Harrisburg, where the Pennsylvania State Capitol
4 Complex currently is located and which was a major site
5 during the process of ratification of the 15th Amendment by
6 the Commonwealth.

7 (4) The right of citizens of the United States to vote,
8 which may not be denied or abridged by the United States or
9 by any state on account of race, color, previous condition of
10 servitude or sex.

11 Section 2. Designation of "Irvis Equality Circle."

12 The lawn of the Speaker K. Leroy Irvis Office Building within
13 the Pennsylvania State Capitol Complex in Harrisburg is
14 designated, and shall be referred to as the "Irvis Equality
15 Circle."

16 Section 3. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.