



PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE 2021–2022 SESSION REVIEW

The House State Government Committee serves as the standing committee charged with a variety of duties to ensure the sanctity of state government operations and procedures. The committee has legislative oversight over several departments and agencies, like the Department of State, Department of General Services, Ethics Commission, Office of Open Records, SERS and PSERS, and the Governor's Office of Administration, to name a few.

Specifically, the legislative issues most often addressed by the committee include those impacting the Election Code, the Commonwealth Procurement Code, Right-to-Know Law, Regulatory Review Act, Administrative Code, state constitutional amendments, and emergency declarations.



OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

2021/2022 Session

Total Meetings: 74

Voting Meetings: 28

Public Hearings: 46

Total Bills: 123

Acts: 18

Veto: 3

Passed House: 31

Passed Committee: 55

Resolutions: 5

Joint Resolutions: 11

Other Actions: 5

Regulatory Actions: 2

Major Reports: 3

Total Number of Session Days: 109

	GENERAL BILLS	CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	JOINT RESOLUTIONS	SIMPLE RESOLUTIONS	TOTAL
HOUSE IN	191	12	16	33	252
OUT	93	2	9	3	107
TOTAL	284	14	25	36	359
SENATE IN	15		1		16
OUT	14		2		16
TOTAL	29		3		32
TOTAL	313	14	28	36	391

11% of all House bills & resolutions (3,163) introduced in the House of Representatives were assigned to the Committee.

31.5% of all House and Senate bills and resolutions assigned to the Committee were voted out of the Committee.

30% of all House Bills and resolutions assigned to the Committee were voted out of the Committee.

50% of all Senate Bills and resolutions assigned to the Committee were voted out of the Committee.

HOUSE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS/MEETINGS:

The House State Government Committee was busy this year exploring ideas to make the Commonwealth a better place. For the 2021–22 Legislative Session, the House State Government Committee held 74 meetings¹ that ranged from public hearings, informational meetings and voting meetings. Voting meetings conducted by the House State Government Committee consisted of 28 meetings consisting of legislation for a variety of issues that fall within the State Government Committee. Throughout the legislative session, the House State Government Committee conducted 46 public hearings and informational meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The House State Government Committee conducted 40 hearings on a range of topics including:

Congressional Redistricting

- Public hearing on congressional redistricting. 7/22/21
- Public hearing on stakeholder input on congressional redistricting. 7/22/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 8/24/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 8/25/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 8/26/21
- Public hearing on congressional Redistricting: Regional Hearing. 10/12/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 10/13/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 10/18/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 10/19/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: regional hearing. 10/20/21
- Public hearing on congressional redistricting: population deviation between districts and census data analysis. 10/28/21

Elections

- Public hearing with the Department of State on guidance during the 2020 General Election. 1/21/21
- Public hearing with various officials concerning Pennsylvania's SURE System/IT. 1/28/21
- Public hearing with the Auditor General, the Department of State and county election officials to discuss review of election audits. 2/11/21
- Public hearing with state and local officials to discuss review of voter registration issues. 3/4/21
- Public hearing to discuss certification of voting machines and operation of voting machines with demonstrations. 3/10/21
- Public hearing to discuss mail-in and absentee ballots. 3/18/21-
- Public hearing to discuss county election day operations and satellite offices. 3/15/21

¹Pennsylvania House Republican Caucus. <https://www.pahousegop.com/Video/State-Government>

- Public hearing on election integrity and accessibility policy. 4/1/21
- Public hearing on overview of how other states conduct elections. 4/8/21
- Public hearing to hear from stakeholders and members concerning election process. 4/15/21
- Public hearing on election administration considerations in advance of the 2022 primary election. 4/6/22
- Public hearing on campaign finance and elections along with ballot order selection and randomization. Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Elections. 9/14/21
- Public hearing on lobbying reform and disclosure. Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Elections. 9/14/21
- Public hearing on donor disclosure and campaign finance regulations: reviewing recent legal precedents. 2/7/22
- Public Hearing on election administration considerations in advance of the 2022 general election. 9/14/2022
- Public hearing on open primaries: HB 1369 (PA Open Primaries Legislation) 8/16/22

COVID-19

- Public hearing to discuss lack of government transparency and RTKL during COVID-19. 3/9/21
- Public hearing on government tele-work policies and data during COVID-19. 3/15/21
- Public hearing on PPE procurement, storage and distribution during COVID-19. 3/31/21

Pensions

- Public hearing on public pension system trends and state policy considerations. Conducted by the Subcommittee on Public Pensions, Benefits and Risk Management. 8/18/21
- Public hearing to discussion pension legislation- HB 811, HB 967, HB 1442, HB 1578, HB 1671, HB 1698, HB 2010, HR 59, SB 423 with representatives from SERS and PSERS. 1/20/22
- Public hearing on testimony from SERS, PSERS, and Funston Advisory Services LLC. Conducted by the Subcommittee on Public Pensions, Benefits and Risk Management. 4/5/22

Government Accountability and Transparency

- Public hearing on government waste and improper payments. 7/21/21
- Public hearing on commonwealth procurement - Subcommittee on Government Operations. 10/26/21
- Public hearing on "Commonwealth Transparency 101" Sunshine Act, RTKL, Ethics Act and per diems. Conducted by the Subcommittee on Government Integrity and Transparency. 11/4/21
- Public Hearing on Article V term limits- Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Elections. 11/9/21
- Public hearing on the impact of cybersecurity and blockchain on government. 8/24/22
- Public hearing with DGS and the Department of Health on emergency procurement. 9/19/22
- Public hearing to discuss improper payments and government waste. 10/26/22

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The House State Government Committee also conducted three information meetings which included:

- Informational meeting and presentations from agencies that fall under the purview of state government on agency regulatory/statutory suspensions and innovation due to COVID-19 and any other business that may come before the committee. 3/22/21
- Information meeting on representatives from DGS to discuss final-form regulation “Metrology Calibration and Testing Fees” and any other business that may come before the committee. 6/9/21
- Informational meeting to discuss the “2022 Preliminary Citizen’s Congressional Map” with Amanda Holt. 12/9/21

JOINT HEARINGS WITH THE SENATE

The House State Government Committee conducted three hearings with the Senate, and they included:

- Joint hearing with Senate State Government Committee to hear testimony on how a delayed 2020 Census may impact congressional reapportionment and legislative redistricting. 2/24/21
- Joint hearing with Senate Communications and Technology Committee on SB 696. Conducted by the Subcommittee on Government Information Technology and Communications. 6/7/22
- Joint hearing with Senate Communications and Technology Committee on blockchain technology and its impact on government operations. 6/8/22



► **BILLS ADVANCED BY THE HOUSE**

The House State Government Committee advanced an array of bills introduced by members of the General Assembly that impact the lives and liberties of our citizens. These measures include:

BILLS ENACTED

Act 166 of 2022, formerly HB 2373 (Diamond)

Authorizes DMVA to determine the use of the former Lieutenant Governor's Mansion but provides equivalent facilities space for supporting Pennsylvania's veterans' programs and supporting the National Guard to include current and survivor families as part of the facilities master plan. The Department must submit notice to the General Assembly of the determined use of the property. *Presented to the Governor, Nov. 16, 2022.*

Act 151 of 2022, formerly SB 696 (Laughlin)

Updates the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act.

Act 141 of 2022, formerly HB 2648 (Lawrence)

Requires the Inspector General to issue a report to the General Assembly regarding the ability of the office to investigate actual or attempted fraud, theft, abuse, falsification of records, illicit payment, and identify theft associated with the unemployment compensation program. Also amends the PennSERVE program & board, as well as the Public Works Employment Verification program.

Act 139 of 2022, formerly HB 2633 (Topper)

Updates the Uniform Athlete Agents Act, adds a new chapter regarding a college student athlete's name, image and likeness, and repeals NIL provisions from the Public-School Code.

Act 132 of 2022, formerly HB 2447 (Benninghoff)

Requires the State Treasury, Public School Employees' Retirement System, State Employees Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to divest from Russian and Belarusian investments.

Act 116 of 2022, formerly HB 1823 (Thomas)

Clarifies the operation and duties of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources over Washington Crossing Historic Park.

Act 102 of 2022, formerly HB 284 (Metcalf)

Updates the History Code pertaining to the administration of the State Archives, archival records.



Act 100 of 2022, *formerly HB 121 (Ecker)*

Originally advanced by the House Game and Fisheries Committee, the bill was amended by the Senate resulting in a comprehensive land conveyance package that included several State Government Committee bills, such as HB 2836, SB 1340, SB 1328, SB 1348 and SB1137.

Act 88 of 2022, *formerly SB 982 (Baker)*

Prohibits private funding to operate elections, establishes an Election Integrity Grant Program and requires county boards of elections to review election administration practices.

Act 86 of 2022, *formerly SB 764 (Argall)*

Requires Department of State staff to undergo training regarding their legislative responsibilities in the constitutional amendment process.

Act 66 of 2022, *formerly HB 1614 (Warner)*

Increases the number of election ballots required to be available at an election poll to 50% of the number of registered voters for primary elections and 100% of the number of registered voters for general elections.

Act 26 of 2022, *formerly HB 2496 (Boback)*

Contains 2 land conveyances and a reversionary restriction on a property. Also includes HB 1181.

Act 24 of 2022, *formerly HB 2051 (Kaufer)*

Contains 12 different land conveyances, such as HB 2171, HB 2343, HB 2356, SB 561 (PN 593), SB 636/HB 1651, SB 274, HB 2442, SB 1178, SB 1245.

Act 20 of 2022, *formerly SB 1020 (Gebhard)*

Conducts land exchanges. Also includes HB 2065.

Act 14 of 2022, *formerly SB 1019 (Brooks)*

Extends certain COVID-19 regulatory flexibility provisions, requires legislative notification of terminations and requires reports on the regulatory flexibility provisions to be published and made available to the public.

Act 21 of 2021, *formerly HB 854 (Ecker)*

Requires an executive agency or a contractor to preserve records in their possession for a period of 10 years after the COVID-19 emergency order is terminated by executive order, proclamation or operation of law.

Act 65 of 2021, *formerly SB 554 (Stefano)*

Requires a public agency to post public meeting agendas at the meeting location, at the agency's office location, and on the agency's website (if they have one) no later than 24 hours prior to a meeting.



Act 73 of 2021, formerly HB 1861 (Lewis)
Extends certain COVID-19 regulatory flexibility provisions, requires legislative notification of terminations and requires reports on the regulatory flexibility provisions to be published and made available to the public.

Act 82 of 2021, formerly HB 1452 (Cutler)
Provides a procedure for electronic publication of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

BILLS VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 1300 (Grove)

Amends the Election Code to enact comprehensive reforms, including: expanded voter rights and access to voting, enhanced election integrity safeguards, administrative and financial relief to counties, updated timeline for the conduct of elections, reforms to ensure uniformity in election administration, requirements for extensive result-confirming and election administration audits, improved machine certification and testing, and increased transparency. Vetoed by Gov. (6/30/21)

HB 2146 (Grove)

Establishes the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2021 to divide the Commonwealth into 17 districts for the purpose of electing representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives. Vetoed by Gov. (1/26/22)

SB 573 (Mastriano)

Improves policies related to poll watchers by ensuring that ballot handling can be observed and allowing all PA-registered voters to be eligible to watch polls in any precinct. Vetoed by Gov. (7/8/22)

BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

HB 34 (Day)

Establishes security requirements for county election boards in the transportation, storage and delivery of election ballots. (202-0)

HB 39 (Grove)

Requires the Secretary of the Budget to establish a review schedule of a Commonwealth agency that has \$50 million or more in payments to individuals, vendors or entities for improper payments and payment recovery by contracting with an auditor to perform a recovery audit. (111-90)

HB 104 (Gaydos)

Provides for the assessment of improper payments by Commonwealth agencies and for public information about payments and programs of Commonwealth agencies. (182-20)

HB 108 (Owlett)

Creates a 'Do Not Pay' initiative to monitor improper payments across Commonwealth agencies. (202-0)

HB 120 (Ryan)

Creates the Keystone Solvency Operating Study Commission Act to establish a bipartisan commission to analyze past and projected economic conditions. (113-88)

HB 143 (Diamond)

Establishes a process to update and remove electors from voter rolls using various sources of information. (201-0)

HB 335 (Mackenzie, R)

Allows the Commonwealth to observe Daylight Saving Time year-round if Congress authorizes states to do so. (103-98)

HB 391(Dowling)

Repeals a 1933 law that baseball and football games may not be played before 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. on Sundays. (200-2)

HB 711 (Stambaugh)

Allows candidates for office and political action committees to file campaign finance reports electronically. (200-0)

HB 746 (Roae)

Prevents members of the General Assembly from being assigned a state-owned vehicle or using Commonwealth funds to lease a vehicle for use by the member. An exception is permitted for emergency purposes. (183-16)

HB 939 (Klunk)

Establishes the Independent Office of the Repealer to review statutes and regulations for possible revision and/or repeal. (111-90)

HB 950 (Metcalfe)

Provides procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations, or of regulations currently in effect. (109-92)



HB 978 (Miller, B)

Exempts financial institution account numbers, routing numbers, credit card numbers and PIN numbers from the Right-to-Know Law requests. (202-0)

HB 1264 (Owlett)

Creates the COVID-19 Pandemic Reporting, Response and Accountability and Vaccine Personal Information Privacy Act which will require the review of personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 tests. (115-86)

HB 1281 (Delozier)

Improves the procurement process by prohibiting most proprietary, exclusionary or discriminatory specifications in public works contracts. (200-0)



HB 1671 (Miller, B)

Expands public access to State and Public School Employees retirement systems' records and requires additional reporting of investment data, fees, expenses paid to investment managers and staff travel expenses. (195-7)

HB 1738 (Jozwiak)

Provides that the General Assembly may review any executive order issued by the president of the United States. Upon review, the General Assembly may recommend to the governor and the attorney

general further examination by the Joint State Government Commission. (132-71)

HB 1893 (Staats)

Requires require reports of diseases, any record maintained as a result of any action taken in consequence of such reports, or any other records maintained under the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 to be subject to the Right-to-Know Law and repeals the ability for state and local health authorities to withhold such information. (113-87)

HB 2010 (Ryan)

Requires trustees, board members or other officials with a fiduciary relationship to a state, county or local pension system to obtain initial and annual training in fiduciary law. (200-0)

HB 2044 (Nelson)

Prohibits county boards of election and the secretary of the Commonwealth from accepting any private donation or contribution for the administration of elections. (113-90)

HB 2115 (Wheeland)

Removes outdated entities terminated under the Sunset Act. (200-0)

HB 2159 (Ortitay)

Establishes a new emergency procurement process by allowing a purchasing agency to make an emergency procurement if there exists a threat to public health, welfare or safety, circumstances outside the control of the purchasing agency that threaten the operations of the Commonwealth, and the threat of circumstances creates an urgency of need which does not permit a delay. (113-89)

HB 2219 (Rowe)

Requires each authority initially granted a regulatory suspension to issue an updated report by March 1, 2022. (201-0)

HB 2449 (Gillespie)

Requires the electronic publication of expenses incurred by the House of Representatives for travel, professional services, office expenses, entertainment and communications. (202-0)

HB 2484 (Mizgorski)

Extends requirements for the filing of a statement of financial disclosure to write-in candidates receiving a nomination or being elected to an office. (201-0)

HB 2485 (Grove)

Allows the Treasury to withhold payments on contracts until the responsible state agency has submitted the contract for public view. (200-0)

HB 2507 (Grove)

Requires election registration commissions to use information obtained from the Department of State through the Electronic Registration Information Center and use additional sources of information on the reported deaths of registered electors. (202-0)



HB 2524 (Schmitt)

Reforms the Right to Know Law, particularly including a relief process for agencies alleging a requestor to be vexatious, providing for treatment of commercial requests, and requests filed by incarcerated individuals. (112-88)

HB 2649 (Grove)

Changes the composition of membership in the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and prohibits the issuance of a rule that the Commission has disapproved. (100-89)

SB 423 (Ward, J.)

Extends the timeline that permits State Employees' Retirement System employees to return to work during an emergency without suspending annuity payments. (200-0)

BILLS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 40 (Grove)

Establishes the Office of Information Technology, consolidates and grants powers to oversee all IT systems and contracts, and establishes the Pennsylvania Statewide Radio Network.

HB 47 (Dowling)

Establishes the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs.

HB 52 (Lewis)

Establishes the State Council on Finance.

HB 117 (Ryan)

Requires auditors employed by the Auditor General to be appropriately qualified to conduct such audits; and permits the Department of the Auditor General to conduct forensic and fraud audits.

HB 453 (Ecker)

Extends COVID-19 business closure waivers to health clubs, gyms, and fitness centers who implement health and safety measures.

HB 583 (Ryan)

Amends the Public Official Compensation Law to apply a freeze to COLA adjustments.

HB 648 (Merski)

Requires the Department of General Services to create a program designed to allow a local or regional police department to purchase used pursuit vehicles at a fixed price.

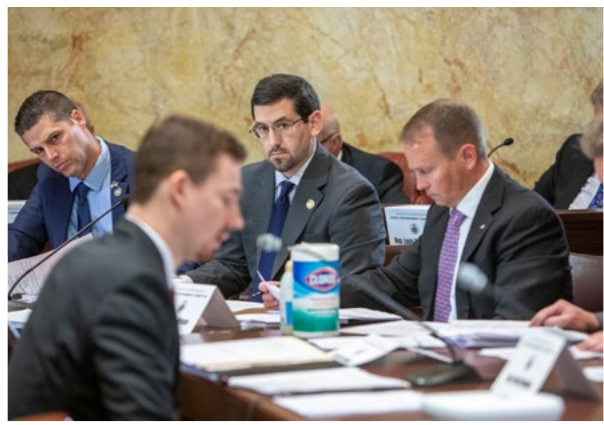
HB 706 (McClinton)

Amends the Election Code to provide those individuals recorded as residing in a correctional facility be reallocated.

HB 709 (Zabel)

Provides for the disclosure of contributions made by contractors.



**HB 777 (Mehaffie)**

Designates amethyst as the official state gemstone and celestine as the official state mineral.

HB 811 (Cox)

Prevents the inclusion of future employees of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission as members of SERS.

HB 846 (Diamond)

Eliminates the use of Daylight Savings Time in Pennsylvania.

HB 1009 (Kaufer)

Amends the restrictions on gifts to public officials or employees and provides for penalties.

HB 1118 (Miller, B)

Requires a fiscal note be submitted to electors when a referendum question for the issuance of debt appears on the ballot.

HB 1201 (Zimmerman)

Provides for the development of ballot questions posed to electors.

HB 1218 (Davanzo)

Establishes the Sports Mask Freedom Act.

HB 1482 (Cutler)

Establishes the Bureau of Election Audits within the Office of the Auditor General, and imposes additional duties on the county boards of election and the Department of State.

HB 1578 (Keefer)

Amends the Public School Employees' Retirement Codes to preclude the application of collared employer contribution rates after June 30, 2021.

HB 1599 (Kerwin)

Provides for conflict-of-interest reporting and to make technical changes.

HB 1600 (Pennycuick)

Provides for the registration of campaign consultants.

HB 1601 (Hamm)

Requires the filing of statements of financial interest by registered lobbyist and campaign consultants.

HB 1603 (Lewis)

Prohibits lobbying of a state official or the office of a state official by a lobbyist who served as a campaign consultant for that official.

HB 1605 (Williams, C)

Requires the reporting of any referral fee paid or received by a lobbying firm, lobbyist, or principal, for the referral of a client for lobbying.

HB 1606 (Grove)

Provides for automatic registration renewal, establish first-dollar lobbying disclosure, and modifying the requirements for publication of audit reports.

HB 1607 (Diamond)

Prohibits Commonwealth entities from hiring outside lobbyists, lobbying firms, or campaign consultants to influence the decision-making process of another Commonwealth entity.

HB 1608 (Stambaugh)

Prohibits the lobbying of an employee who was previously a lobbyist for a period of one year after the date the individual left employment with a lobbying firm.

HB 1609 (Dowling)

Requires each lobbyist and campaign consultant to complete at least one hour of ethics training annually.



HB 1663 (Dowling)

Requires voting machines to be manufactured and sold by United States businesses.

HB 1712 (Struzzi)

Establishes a Commonwealth Historically Under-utilized Business Zones program.

HB 1792 (Brooks)

Provides edits to the consolidated statutes to update references to agencies.

HB 1800 (Grove)

Makes comprehensive reforms to the Election Code, including expanded voter rights, protections, and access, enhanced safeguards, administrative and financial county relief, updated timelines, reforms to ensure uniformity, election audits, accessibility requirements, election machine certification and testing, transparency and best practices, and additional powers to the Secretary of the commonwealth and to the County Boards of Elections.



HB 1925 (Herrin)

Allows an agency to debar or suspend state contracts based on the contractor's performance in other states.

HB 2066 (Grove)

Provides for the administrative operations of the Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court.

HB 2087 (Hershey)

Establishes the Charitable Organization Privacy Protection Act.

HB 2093 (Mustello)

Removes the ability for school board candidates to cross-file.

HB 2163 (Silvis)

Amends the Election Code to provide for the appointment and training of poll watchers.

HB 2183 (Wentling)

Amends Title 62 to broaden the definition of "small businesses."

HB 2269 (Keefer)

Allows an agency to debar or suspend state contracts based on the contractor's performance in other states.

HB 2385 (Labs)

Establishes the Regulatory Sandbox Program within the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

HB 2471 (Burns)

Amends the Right-to-Know Law to expedite requests filed by elected members of the General Assembly and individuals elected to a statewide office in the Commonwealth.

HB 2480 (Grove)

Establishes the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

HB 2481 (Grove)

Amends Title 62 to create a new chapter regarding sanction-free procurement.

HB 2534 (Handbidge)

Amends the Right-to-Know Law to provide additional exceptions to the law for certain records created to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

SB 116 (Scavello)

Provides updates to the History Code pertaining to the administration of the State Archives, archival records and other matters.

SB 428 (Gordner)

Establishes that the Primary Election during Presidential Election years be held on the third Tuesday of March.

SB 533 (Yaw)

Prohibits certain regulatory actions during the period of a declaration of disaster emergency by the Governor that includes the statewide closure of any government offices or businesses for a period of more than five days.

SB 559 (Argall)

Requires the disclosure of wasted SARS-coV-2 (COVID-19) vaccines.

SB 738 (Phillips-Hill)

Requires the Secretary of the Commonwealth to publicly post information relating to proposed constitutional amendments on the Department's website.

SB 1043 (Stefano)

Amends the Steel Products Procurement Act.



HOUSE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 106 (Benninghoff)

Terminates in full the March 6, 2020 COVID-19 proclamation of disaster emergency, as amended and renewed. ADOPTED (6/10/21)

HR 165 (Grove)

Adopts a population data set without adjusting any group quarters population for use in congressional redistricting legislation. ADOPTED (1/24/22)



SIMPLE HOUSE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HR 19 (Gainey)

Honors the life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognizes the week of January 18 through 24, 2021 as "Martin Luther King, Jr., Week of Remembrance."

HR 91 (Ortitay)

Establishing the Select Committee on Publication of Constitutional Amendments to examine, investigate and make a complete study of the amendment. ADOPTED (5/5/21)

HR 114 (Cutler)

Urges the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to consider new regulations on practicing attorneys in Pennsylvania, relating to the transparency and the engagement of lawyers in lobbying activity. Additionally, it urges an examination of ethics and transparency rules for judges and staff of the judicial system. ADOPTED (11/10/21)

JOINT HOUSE RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE

HB 51 (O'Neal)

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth (dealing with budgetary surplus).

HB 55 (Grove)

Amends the Constitution providing for equality of rights and ethnicity, concurrent orders and resolutions, and for disaster emergency declaration and management. (116-86)

HB 71 (Warner)

Amends the Constitution to establish limitations on the spending of Commonwealth funds.

HB 822 (White)

Amends the Constitution to implement a process by which an elected officer from the city or a county of the first class, may be recalled from office.

HB 1010 (Ortitay)

Amends the Constitution to alter the procedure for advertising proposed amendments to the Constitution. (113-88)

HB 1596 (Wheeland)

Amends the Constitution proposing for 5 separate amendments: qualification of electors, including a valid government-issued identification; prohibiting donated funds to be used for the administration of elections; removing special laws for cities, and authorizing removing public votes for election machines in certain political subdivisions; election audits by the Auditor General; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth being an elected position.

HB 2069 (Cutler)

Amends the Constitution to provide that a vote by the General Assembly to disapprove a regulation need not be presented to the Governor for his approval.

HB 2070 (Cutler)

Amends the Constitution providing that any executive order or proclamation by the Governor or an executive agency may not be in effect for more than 21 days unless extended by concurrent resolution of the General Assembly.

HB 2207 (Grove)

Amends the Constitution providing for a Citizens' Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

JOINT SENATE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

SB 2 (Ward, K)

Joint resolution proposing three separate and distinct amendments to the constitution including : 1) prohibit the denial or abridgement of equality of rights on the basis of race or ethnicity of an individual; 2) a declaration of disaster emergency may last no longer than 21 days, unless extended in whole or in part by the General Assembly; 3) establish that a resolution terminating or extending a disaster emergency declaration, including a portion thereof, need not be presented to the governor. *Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 1 of 2021, Passed Sessions of 2020 and 2021. Approved by the Electorate (5/18/21)*

SB 106 (Argall)

Joint resolution proposing five separate amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution including: a party's nominee for governor shall select that party's candidate for lieutenant governor; the General Assembly's disapproval of a regulation need not be presented to the governor for approval; an executive order that has the force of law may not be in effect for more than 21 days unless extended by the General Assembly; requiring that all electors present valid identification prior to voting; requiring that the General Assembly provide for the auditing of elections by the auditor general; and solidifying that the Constitution does not grant a right to taxpayer-funded abortion, or any other right relating to abortion. *Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 1 of 2022 (7/11/22)*



▶ ADDITIONAL EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Election Reports

Since assuming the chairmanship at the end of 2020², Chairman Grove issued the following three comprehensive reports relating to elections:

- *2019-2020 Legislative Session of the PA House of Representatives: An Overview of the Accomplishments, Changes and Challenges Relating to Elections in PA (November 2020)*³
- *A Comprehensive Review of Pennsylvania's Election Laws: How Pennsylvania Can Guarantee Rights and Integrity in Our Election System (May 2021)*⁴
- *Election Reform in Pennsylvania: Missed Opportunities and Continued Chaos. An Interim Report on the Status of Elections in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after the Veto of House Bill 1300 (July 2022)*⁵



Regulatory Initiative

According to Section 8.1 of the Regulatory Review Act:

The commission, on its motion or at the request of an person or member of the General Assembly, may review any existing regulation which has been in effect for at least three years. If a committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives requests a review of an existing regulation, the commission shall perform the review and shall assign it high priority.

In the summer of 2022, House State Government Committee staff conducted a comprehensive review of approximately 3,072 regulations that have been in effect for three years or more and provided their findings to the appropriate standing committees. As a result, various committees determined it was necessary to take action to request IRRC review under Section 8.1. In addition to the House State Government Committee, the following committees requesting review included: Aging and Older Adult Services, Children and Youth, Health, Judiciary, Labor and Industry, and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness.

As this initiative spread across multiple committees, on September 21, 2022, House Republican leaders and several committee chairs held a press conference to explain the initiative.⁶ The review conducted in the summer became the catalyst for one more effort by the House Republican caucus to “get government out of the way” by streamlining regulatory burdens, and allow businesses to expand and grow, thus creating opportunities for citizens across the Commonwealth.

²Representative Seth Grove was named Interim Chairman upon the departure of former Chairman Representative Garth Everett

³Pennsylvania Republican Caucus website. <https://www.pahousegop.com/2020electionreport>

⁴Representative Seth Grove website. <http://www.repgrove.com/Display/SiteFiles/418/OtherDocuments/2021/Election%20Oversight%20Hearing%20Final%20Report.pdf>

⁵Representative Seth Grove website. <https://www.repgrove.com/Display/SiteFiles/418/OtherDocuments/2022/Grove71922electiondoc.pdf>

⁶Pennsylvania House Republican Caucus website <https://www.pahousegop.com/News/31329/Latest-News/Government-Done-Right-House-Republican-Leaders,-Committee-Chairs-Detail-Success-in-Regulatory-Reform-Efforts>

IRRC currently is in the process of reviewing all review requests received by the standing committees.

Regulatory Review

In addition, the Chairman Grove and the Committee had the opportunity to review and take action on regulations to which the Committee was designated oversight, including:

- **Regulation #8-27:** State Metrology Laboratory Fee Schedule: as mentioned above, the Committee held an informational meeting on this final-form regulation. As a result, the Committee took no action on and it was “deemed approved” by the Standing Committee.
- **Regulation #52-13:** Protected Classes Under the PHRA and PFOA: At the proposed stage, Chairman Grove, as well as several individual members of the House, submitted individual comments highlighting important statutory and legislative concerns raised by the proposed regulation.⁷ The regulation was recently submitted in final-form to IRRC and the standing committees. As the two committees responsible for oversight of this rulemaking, both the House State Government Committee as well as the Senate Labor and Industry Committee each unanimously requested to IRRC its notice of intent to review after IRRC issues their order on the regulation.⁸



⁷Representative Seth Grove website. <https://www.repgrove.com/Display/SiteFiles/418/OtherDocuments/2022/FinalIRRCletterGrove5.9.22.pdf>

⁸Pennsylvania General Assembly website. House Committee Roll Call Votes. State Government Committee. <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/RCC/PUBLIC/listVoteSummaryH.cfm?year=2021&slnd=0&cteeCde=36&theDate=2022-10-25&RollCallId=2096>

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