

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 10:00 AM Voting Meeting

House State Government Committee Voting Meeting Room 515 Irvis Office Harrisburg, PA 17120 February 03, 2026 10:00 AM

Agenda

House Bill 1139 (WARREN) An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in powers and duties of the Department of General Services and its departmental administrative and advisory boards and commissions, providing for water bottle filling stations.

Amendment A00699 (Hill- Evans) to House Bill 1139 (WARREN) Technical Amendment

House Bill 1278 (DAVIDSON) An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, in dates of elections and primaries and special elections, further providing for affidavits of candidates; in nomination of candidates, further providing for affidavits of candidates, for statement of candidates for delegates to national conventions, for Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish county boards with list of candidates and candidates to be notified, for nominations by political bodies, for examination of nomination petitions, certificates and papers and return of rejected nomination petitions, certificates and papers and for affidavits of candidates; and, in penalties, further providing for false affidavits of candidates and for false signatures and statements in nomination petitions and papers.

House Bill 1375 (B. MILLER) An Act amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and miscellaneous provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board; and, in administration, funds, accounts and general provisions, further providing for administrative duties of the State Employees' Retirement Board.

House Bill 1806 (N. Nelson) An Act amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day.

House Resolution 56 (WEBSTER) A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the current utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments and voting machines to determine the best course of action in order to minimize the time investment required to vote and ensure that the average time required to vote does not promote inequities based on geography, economic status, race, gender or other relevant factors.

House Resolution 384 (SOLOMON) A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of implementing both a Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot rotation system for the order of listing

candidates on ballots in primary and general elections and for each type of office and to issue a report.

House Resolution 390 (HILL-EVANS) A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2026 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania.

House Resolution 391 (WAXMAN) A Resolution recognizing January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

House Resolution 394 (CARROLL) A Resolution designating March 17, 2026, as "Bayard Rustin Day" in Pennsylvania.

House Resolution 406 (HILL-EVANS) A Resolution recognizing the month of March 2026 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

House Resolution 409 (MATZIE) A Resolution designating March 8, 2026, as "Charter Day" and Pennsylvania's 345th birthday in Pennsylvania.

Senate Bill 829 (DUSH) An Act designating the Hynerpeton basseti, a stem tetrapod, as the official State fossil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and making a repeal.

And any other business that comes before the Committee

Adjournment

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Attachments:

- HB1139 Warren and A00699 Hill-Evans- Amendment Analysis
- A00699-Hill-Evans to HB1139 PN1259 Warren
- HB1139 PN1259 Warren-Bill Analysis
- HB1139 PN1259 Warren-Water Bottle Refilling Stations in Commonwealth Buildings
- HB1278 PN1433 Davidson- Bill Analysis
- HB1278 PN1433 Davidson- Clarifying Nomination Requirements for Candidates
- HB1375 PN1571 B. Miller-Pension Fund Fee Transparency-Analysis
- HB1375 PN1571 B. Miller- Pension Fund Fee Transparency
- HB1806 PN2220 Nelson-March 9th-6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in PA-Analysis
- HB1806 PN2220 Nelson-March 9th as 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion Day
- HR56 PN501 Webster-Analysis
- HR56 PN501 Webster- Study on Reducing Voting Times
- HR384 PN2742 Solomon-Bill Analysis
- HR384 PN2742 Solomon- Study on Ballot Rotation to Promote Election Fairness
- HR390 PN2771 Hill-Evans-Analysis
- HR390 PN2771 Hill-Evans- Resolution recognizing March 2026 as National Women's History Month in PA
- HR391 PN2776 Waxman-Recognizing Jan.27 2026 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in PA -Analysis
- HR391 PN2776 Waxman- Recognizing January 27 2026 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in PA
- HR394 PN2783 Carroll-Bayard Rustin Day in PA-Analysis
- HR394 PN2783 Carroll- Bayard Rustin Day
- HR406 PN2815 Hill-Evans-March 2026 as National Social Work Month in PA-Analysis
- HR406 PN2815 Hill-Evans March 2026 as National Social Work in PA
- HR409PN2818 Matzie- March 8 2026 as Charter Day in PA and celebrates its 345th Birthday-Analysis
- HR409 PN2818 Matzie- Celebrating PA's Birthday and Charter Day in PAMarch 8 2026
- SB829 PN906 Dush- Bill Analysis
- SB829 PN906 Dush- Changing the Pennsylvania State Fossil
- Committee Vote by Designation
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE AMENDMENT REPORT

HB1139 - PN1259 (Warren, Perry)

Requires a water bottle filling station be installed where a drinking fountain is required to be installed in each new building or structure of the Commonwealth or each building or structure of the Commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure.

A-00699 (Hill-Evans, Carol) (Committee)

Adds to the definition of "water bottle filling station" that it incorporates a third-party certified water filter certified to NSF/ANSI 53 for lead reduction.

NSF/ANSI Standard 53 is a certification for water treatment products that are able to reduce or remove harmful contaminants in unfiltered water that are known to cause adverse health effects. The standard establishes minimum requirements for the reduction of certain contaminants in drinking water, including asbestos bacteria, cryptosporidium oocysts, radon, lead, mercury, and VOCs. It is the nationally recognized standard for evaluating and certifying drinking water treatment systems for the reduction of contaminants from drinking water.

DGS is **neutral** on this amendment as it would have no major impact to the Department regarding cost or implementation.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1139

Sponsor:

Hill-Evans

Printer's No. 1259

1 Amend Bill, page 3, line 23, by striking out "and" and

2 inserting

3 (5) incorporates a third-party certified water filter
4 certified to NSF/ANSI 53 for lead reduction; and

5 Amend Bill, page 3, line 24, by striking out "(5)" and

6 inserting

7 (6)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1139 PN1259	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6778
Sponsor:	Warren, Perry	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	5/8/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Requires a water bottle filling station be installed where a drinking fountain is required to be installed in each new building or structure of the Commonwealth or each building or structure of the Commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act No. 175 of 1929, known as the Administrative Code of 1929, to require a water bottle filling station be installed where a drinking fountain is required to be installed in each new building or structure of the Commonwealth or each building or structure of the Commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure.

The Department of General Services would be required to promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement these new requirements.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Act No. 45 of 1999, known and cited as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act](#), requires the Department of Labor and Industry to establish a statewide building code through regulation to be known as the "Uniform Construction Code" (UCC).

[Act No. 43 of 1984, known and cited as the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act](#), regulates public water supplies, and bottled and bulk water to protect drinking water from microbiological, chemical, and radiological contaminants in drinking water and establish drinking water standards and a state program to implement and enforce the standards.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 1169 (Warren) had third consideration and final passage in the House of Representatives on May 8, 2024. It was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on May 17, 2024. The bill was not brought up for consideration by the Senate committee.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1139 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY WARREN, SANCHEZ, KHAN, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS,
SCHLOSSBERG, SAMUELSON, BRENNAN, FREEMAN, McANDREW, CERRATO
AND MALAGARI, APRIL 4, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 4, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of
22 General Services and its departmental administrative and
23 advisory boards and commissions, providing for water bottle
24 filling stations.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
28 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 2422. Water Bottle Filling Stations.--(a) This
3 section is intended to:

4 (1) Encourage the consumption of potable water using
5 reusable water bottles as an alternative to single-use
6 disposable water bottles or sugar-sweetened beverages.

7 (2) Provide consumers with a convenient means, in visible
8 and user-friendly locations, to fill reusable water bottles with
9 clean, potable water.

10 (3) Provide a more environmentally friendly alternative
11 regarding potable water.

12 (4) Provide consumers with a more cost-effective alternative
13 regarding potable water.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, standards
15 relating to water bottle filling stations shall comply with the
16 act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the
17 "Pennsylvania Construction Code Act," and other applicable
18 plumbing standards.

19 (c) The following general standards shall apply:

20 (1) A water bottle filling station shall not be:

21 (i) accessible to the mouth of a drinker;

22 (ii) subject to immersion; or

23 (iii) installed within a restroom.

24 (2) A water bottle filling station may discharge water
25 directly or indirectly into a separate or combination drainage
26 system.

27 (d) Water bottle filling stations shall be installed as
28 follows:

29 (1) For each building or structure of the Commonwealth which
30 is constructed after the effective date of this subsection, a

water bottle filling station shall be installed where a drinking fountain is required to be installed.

(2) For each building or structure of this Commonwealth that undergoes a major improvement involving plumbing or pipe fitting infrastructure after the effective date of this subsection, a water bottle filling station shall be installed where an operational drinking fountain is or was required to be installed.

(e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(f) The following words and phrases when used in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Department." The Department of General Services of the Commonwealth.

"Water bottle filling station." A unit which:

(1) supplies potable water to a water bottle from a downward facing water orifice;

(2) delivers a minimum of eight gallons per hour of water at a temperature of not more than fifty (50) degrees Fahrenheit;

(3) is mounted on the wall or floor;

(4) is a separate unit or a combination unit that includes a drinking fountain; and

(5) complies with all applicable water quality standards under the act of May 1, 1984 (P.L.206, No.43), known as the "Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act."

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1278 PN1433	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Davidson, Nathan	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	10/30/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Replaces the requirement for a candidate to submit a notarized affidavit with an unsworn statement, which would remain subject to penalties for perjury.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act No. 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, to replace the requirement for a candidate to submit a notarized affidavit with an unsworn statement subject to penalties for perjury.

Currently, a candidate who is unable to obtain a remote or in-person notary could submit a candidate's declaration attached to the candidate's affidavit. This bill would modernize the statute by replacing the notarized affidavit with an unsworn statement, therefore eliminating the notary requirement.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Act No. 320 of 1937](#), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, provides for elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creates and defines membership of county boards of elections; imposes duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposes penalties for violation of the act, and codifies, revises and consolidates the laws relating thereto; and repeals certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections.

[Section 4904 of Title 18 \(Crimes and Offenses\)](#) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provides for the unsworn falsification of authorities.

[Act No. 15 of 2020](#) allows for submission of unsworn declarations, Campaign Finance Reports (form DSEB-502), Campaign Finance Statements instead of full reports (form DSEB-503), Non-Bid Contract Reporting Form (DSEB-504), and Independent Expenditure Reports (form DSEB-505) without notarization.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1278 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY DAVIDSON, SANCHEZ, HANBIDGE, McNEILL, GIRAL,
DONAHUE, K.HARRIS, NEILSON, BURGOS, SOLOMON, HOHENSTEIN,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ AND DOUGHERTY, APRIL 22, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 22, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
11 elections," in dates of elections and primaries and special
12 elections, further providing for affidavits of candidates; in
13 nomination of candidates, further providing for affidavits of
14 candidates, for statement of candidates for delegates to
15 national conventions, for Secretary of the Commonwealth to
16 furnish county boards with list of candidates and candidates
17 to be notified, for nominations by political bodies, for
18 examination of nomination petitions, certificates and papers
19 and return of rejected nomination petitions, certificates and
20 papers and for affidavits of candidates; and, in penalties,
21 further providing for false affidavits of candidates and for
22 false signatures and statements in nomination petitions and
23 papers.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Sections 630.1, 910, 911, 916, 951(e), 976,
27 981.1, 1802.1 and 1813 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
28 No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, are amended to

1 read:

2 Section 630.1. [Affidavits] Statement of Candidates.--Each
3 candidate for any State, county, city, borough, incorporated
4 town, township, school district or poor district office, or for
5 the office of United States Senator or Representative in
6 Congress, selected as provided in section 630 of this act, shall
7 file with the nomination certificate [an affidavit] a statement,
8 subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to
9 unsworn falsification to authorities), stating--(a) his
10 residence, with street and number, if any, and his post-office
11 address; (b) his election district, giving city, borough, town
12 or township; (c) the name of the office for which he consents to
13 be a candidate; (d) that he is eligible for such office; (e)
14 that he will not knowingly violate any provision of this act, or
15 of any law regulating and limiting election expenses and
16 prohibiting corrupt practices in connection therewith; (f)
17 unless he is a candidate for judge of a court of common pleas,
18 the Philadelphia Municipal Court or for the office of school
19 board in a district where that office is elective or for the
20 office of justice of the peace, that he is not a candidate for
21 the same office of any party or political body other than the
22 one designated in such certificate; (g) that he is aware of the
23 provisions of section 1626 of this act requiring election and
24 post-election reporting of campaign contributions and
25 expenditures; and (h) that he is not a candidate for an office
26 which he already holds, the term of which is not set to expire
27 in the same year as the office subject to the [affidavit]
28 statement.

29 Section 910. [Affidavits] Statement of Candidates.--Each
30 candidate for any State, county, city, borough, incorporated

1 town, township, ward, school district, poor district, election
2 district, party office, party delegate or alternate, or for the
3 office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress,
4 shall file with his nomination petition his [affidavit]
5 statement, subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904
6 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities), stating--(a)
7 his residence, with street and number, if any, and his post-
8 office address; (b) his election district, giving city, borough,
9 town or township; (c) the name of the office for which he
10 consents to be a candidate; (d) that he is eligible for such
11 office; (e) that he will not knowingly violate any provision of
12 this act, or of any law regulating and limiting nomination and
13 election expenses and prohibiting corrupt practices in
14 connection therewith; (f) unless he is a candidate for judge of
15 a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia Municipal Court or for
16 the office of school director in a district where that office is
17 elective or for the office of justice of the peace that he is
18 not a candidate for nomination for the same office of any party
19 other than the one designated in such petition; (g) if he is a
20 candidate for a delegate, or alternate delegate, member of State
21 committee, National committee or party officer, that he is a
22 registered and enrolled member of the designated party; (h) if
23 he is a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate the
24 presidential candidate to whom he is committed or the term
25 "uncommitted"; (i) that he is aware of the provisions of section
26 1626 of this act requiring pre-election and post-election
27 reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures; and (j)
28 that he is not a candidate for an office which he already holds,
29 the term of which is not set to expire in the same year as the
30 office subject to the [affidavit] statement. In cases of

1 petitions for delegate and alternate delegate to National
2 conventions, the candidate's [affidavit] statement shall state
3 that his signature to the delegate's statement, as hereinafter
4 set forth, if such statement is signed by said candidate, was
5 affixed to the sheet or sheets of said petition prior to the
6 circulation of same. In the case of a candidate for nomination
7 as President of the United States, it shall not be necessary for
8 such candidate to file the [affidavit] statement required in
9 this section to be filed by candidates, but the post-office
10 address of such candidate shall be stated in such nomination
11 petition.

12 Section 911. Statement of Candidates for Delegates to
13 National Conventions.--Each candidate for election as delegate
14 or alternate delegate to a National party convention may
15 include, with [his affidavit] the statement required under
16 section 910, the statement hereinafter set forth in this
17 section; but his failure to include such statement shall not be
18 a valid ground, on the part of the Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth, for refusal to receive and file his nomination
20 petition. Such statement, if signed, shall be signed on all the
21 sheets of said petition, together with the date of signing and
22 shall be in substantially the following form:

23 Delegate's Statement

24 I hereby declare to the voters of my political party in the
25 (here insert "State of Pennsylvania," if a delegate or alternate
26 delegate at large; otherwise, insert ".....District") that,
27 if elected and in attendance as a delegate to the National
28 convention of the party, I shall, with all fidelity, to the best
29 of my judgment and ability, in all matters coming before the
30 convention, support (here insert name of presidential candidate)

1 for President of the United States and shall use all honorable
2 means within my power to aid in securing the nomination for such
3 candidate for President.

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5 (Signature of candidate for delegate or alternate delegate, and
6 date of signing.)

7 On the ballots or ballot labels used at a primary, after or
8 under the name of each candidate for delegate or alternate
9 delegate to a National party convention, shall appear the words
10 "committed to (here insert name of presidential candidate)" or
11 "uncommitted" according to whether the candidate included, or
12 failed to include, the above statement with [his affidavit] the
13 statement required under section 910.

14 Section 916. Secretary of the Commonwealth to Furnish County
15 Boards with List of Candidates; Candidates to Be Notified.--The
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth, as soon as possible after the
17 last day fixed for the filing of nomination petitions with him,
18 and after the last day for the withdrawal of candidates filing
19 such nomination petitions, and after the candidates shall have
20 cast lots for the position of their names upon the primary
21 ballots or ballot labels, shall forward to the county board of
22 each county a correct list of candidates of each party for the
23 various offices, in the order in which they are to appear upon
24 the official ballots or ballot labels, with their respective
25 residences, giving city, borough, town or township, and post-
26 office addresses as shown in their [affidavits] statements; and
27 shall also at the same time notify the said candidates by mail
28 that their names have been so certified to said county boards.
29 In the case of each candidate for delegate or alternate delegate
30 to a National party convention, the Secretary of the

1 Commonwealth shall certify as to whether such candidate has
2 included with his [affidavit] statement the statement provided
3 for in section 911 of this act and in cases where such candidate
4 has committed himself to a particular presidential preference,
5 the name of the presidential candidate to whom he is committed.

6 Section 951. Nominations by Political Bodies.--* * *

7 (e) There shall be appended to each nomination paper offered
8 for filing [an affidavit] a statement, subject to the penalties
9 of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, of each candidate nominated therein,
10 stating--(1) the election district in which he resides; (2) the
11 name of the office for which he consents to be a candidate; (3)
12 that he is eligible for such office; (4) that he will not
13 knowingly violate any provision of this act, or of any law
14 regulating and limiting election expenses, and prohibiting
15 corrupt practices in connection therewith; (5) that his name has
16 not been presented as a candidate by nomination petitions for
17 any public office to be voted for at the ensuing primary
18 election, nor has he been nominated by any other nomination
19 papers filed for any such office; (6) that in the case where he
20 is a candidate for election at a general or municipal election,
21 he was not a registered and enrolled member of a party thirty
22 (30) days before the primary held prior to the general or
23 municipal election in that same year; (7) that, in the case
24 where he is a candidate for election at a special election, he
25 is not a registered and enrolled member of a party; and (8) that
26 he is not a candidate for an office which he already holds, the
27 term of which is not set to expire in the same year as the
28 office subject to the [affidavit] statement.

29 Section 976. Examination of Nomination Petitions,
30 Certificates and Papers; Return of Rejected Nomination

1 Petitions, Certificates and Papers.--When any nomination
2 petition, nomination certificate or nomination paper is
3 presented in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or
4 of any county board of elections for filing within the period
5 limited by this act, it shall be the duty of the said officer or
6 board to examine the same. No nomination petition, nomination
7 paper or nomination certificate shall be permitted to be filed
8 if--(a) it contains material errors or defects apparent on the
9 face thereof, or on the face of the appended or accompanying
10 [affidavits] statements; or (b) it contains material alterations
11 made after signing without the consent of the signers; or (c) it
12 does not contain a sufficient number of signatures as required
13 by law; Provided, however, That the Secretary of the
14 Commonwealth or the county board of elections, although not
15 hereby required so to do, may question the genuineness of any
16 signature or signatures appearing thereon, and if he or it shall
17 thereupon find that any such signature or signatures are not
18 genuine, such signature or signatures shall be disregarded in
19 determining whether the nomination petition, nomination paper or
20 nomination certificate contains a sufficient number of
21 signatures as required by law; or (d) in the case of nomination
22 petitions, if nomination petitions have been filed for printing
23 the name of the same person for the same office, except the
24 office of judge of a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia
25 Municipal Court or the office of school director in districts
26 where that office is elective or the office of justice of the
27 peace upon the official ballot of more than one political party;
28 or (e) in the case of nomination papers, if the candidate named
29 therein has filed a nomination petition for any public office
30 for the ensuing primary, or has been nominated for any such

1 office by nomination papers previously filed; or (f) if the
2 nomination petitions or papers are not accompanied by the filing
3 fee or certified check required for said office; or (g) in the
4 case of nomination papers, the appellation set forth therein is
5 identical with or deceptively similar to the words used by any
6 existing party or by any political body which has already filed
7 nomination papers for the same office, or if the appellation set
8 forth therein contains part of the name, or an abbreviation of
9 the name or part of the name of an existing political party, or
10 of a political body which has already filed nomination papers
11 for the same office. The invalidity of any sheet of a nomination
12 petition or nomination paper shall not affect the validity of
13 such petition or paper if a sufficient petition or paper remains
14 after eliminating such invalid sheet. The action of said officer
15 or board in refusing to receive and file any such nomination
16 petition, certificate or paper, may be reviewed by the court
17 upon an application to compel its reception as of the date when
18 it was presented to the office of such officer or board:

19 Provided, however, That said officer or board shall be entitled
20 to a reasonable time in which to examine any petitions,
21 certificates or papers, and to summon and interrogate the
22 candidates named therein, or the persons presenting said
23 petitions, certificates or papers, and his or their retention of
24 same for the purpose of making such examination or interrogation
25 shall not be construed as an acceptance or filing.

26 Upon completion of any examination, if any nomination
27 petition, certificate or paper is found to be defective, it
28 shall forthwith be rejected and returned to the candidate or one
29 of the candidates named therein, together with a statement of
30 the reasons for such rejection:

1 Provided further, That no nomination petition, nomination
2 paper or nomination certificate shall be permitted to be filed,
3 if the political party or political body referred to therein
4 shall be composed of a group of electors whose purposes or aims,
5 or one of whose purposes or aims, is the establishment, control,
6 conduct, seizure or overthrow of the Government of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the United States of America by
8 the use of force, violence, military measure or threats of one
9 or more of the foregoing. The authority to reject such
10 nomination petition, paper or certificate for this reason shall,
11 when filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, be vested in
12 a committee composed of the Governor, the Attorney General and
13 the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and when filed with any
14 county board of elections shall be vested in such board. If in
15 such case the committee or board, as the case may be, shall
16 conclude that the acceptance of such nomination petition, paper
17 or certificate should be refused, it shall within two days of
18 the filing of such nomination petition, paper or certificate fix
19 a place and a time five days in advance for hearing the matter,
20 and notice thereof shall be given to all parties affected
21 thereby. At the time and place so fixed the committee or board,
22 as the case may be, shall hear testimony, but shall not be bound
23 by technical rules of evidence. The testimony presented shall be
24 stenographically recorded and made a part of the record of the
25 committee or board. Within two days after such hearing the
26 committee or board, if satisfied upon competent evidence that
27 the said nomination petition, paper or certificate is not
28 entitled to be accepted and filed, it shall announce its
29 decision and immediately notify the parties affected thereby.
30 Failure to announce decision within two days after such hearing

1 shall be conclusive that such nomination petition, paper or
2 certificate has been accepted and filed. The decision of said
3 committee or board in refusing to accept and file such
4 nomination petition, paper or certificate may be reviewed by the
5 court upon an application to compel its reception as of the date
6 when presented to the Secretary of the Commonwealth or such
7 board. The application shall be made within two days of the time
8 when such decision is announced. If the application is properly
9 made, any judge of said court may fix a time and place for
10 hearing the matter in dispute, of which notice shall be served
11 with a copy of said application upon the Secretary of the
12 Commonwealth or the county board of elections, as the case may
13 be. At the time so fixed, the court, or any judge thereof
14 assigned for the purpose, shall hear the case de novo. If after
15 such hearing the said court shall find that the decision of the
16 committee or the board was erroneous, it shall issue its mandate
17 to the committee or board to correct its decision and to accept
18 and file the nomination paper, petition or certificate. From any
19 decision of the court an appeal may be taken within two days
20 after the entry thereof. It shall be the duty of the said court
21 to fix the hearing and to announce its decision within such
22 period of time as will permit the Secretary of the Commonwealth
23 or the county board of elections to permit the names of the
24 candidates affected by the court's decision to be printed on the
25 ballot, if the court should so determine.

26 Section 981.1. [Affidavits] Statement of Candidates.--Each
27 candidate for any State, county, city, borough, incorporated
28 town, township, ward, school district, poor district or election
29 district office, or for the office of United States Senator or
30 Representative in Congress, selected as provided in sections 979

1 and 980 of this act, shall file with the substituted nomination
2 certificate [an affidavit] a statement, subject to the penalties
3 of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to
4 authorities), stating--(a) his residence, with street and
5 number, if any, and his post-office address; (b) his election
6 district, giving city, borough, town or township; (c) the name
7 of the office for which he consents to be a candidate; (d) that
8 he is eligible for such office; (e) that he will not knowingly
9 violate any provision of this act, or of any law regulating and
10 limiting election expenses and prohibiting corrupt practices in
11 connection therewith; (f) unless he is a candidate for judge of
12 a court of common pleas, the Philadelphia Municipal Court or for
13 the office of school board in a district where that office is
14 elective or for the office of justice of the peace, that he is
15 not a candidate for the same office of any party or political
16 body other than the one designated in such certificate; (g) that
17 he is aware of the provisions of section 1626 of this act
18 requiring election and post-election reporting of campaign
19 contributions and expenditures; and (h) that he is not a
20 candidate for an office which he already holds, the term of
21 which is not set to expire in the same year as the office
22 subject to the [affidavit] statement.

23 Section 1802.1. False [Affidavits] Statements of
24 Candidates.--Any candidate for State, county, city, borough,
25 incorporated town, township or school district office or for the
26 office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress or
27 any other elective public office who knowingly makes a false
28 statement regarding his eligibility or qualifications for such
29 office in his candidate's [affidavit] statement shall, in
30 litigation which results in the removal of the candidate from

1 the ballot, be liable for court costs, including filing fees,
2 attorney fees, investigation fees and similar costs, in an
3 amount up to ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

4 Section 1813. False Signatures and Statements in Nomination
5 Petitions and Papers.--If any person shall knowingly make a
6 false statement in any affidavit or statement required by the
7 provisions of this act, to be appended to or to accompany a
8 nomination petition or a nomination paper, or if any person
9 shall fraudulently sign any name not his own to any nomination
10 petition or nomination paper, or if any person shall
11 fraudulently alter any nomination petition or nomination paper
12 without the consent of the signers, he shall be guilty of a
13 misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to
14 pay a fine not exceeding five hundred (\$500) dollars, or to
15 undergo imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both, in
16 the discretion of the court.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1375 PN1571	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
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Sponsor:	Miller, Brett	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	9/5/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Amends Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require more transparent management fee reporting standards and expand public access to records from the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require more transparent management of fee reporting standards and expand public access to records from the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS).

The following administrative duties would apply:

- PSERS and SERS boards would be required to livestream all public meetings and post online unedited video and written records of the public proceedings, including any nonconfidential materials presented to the board. Video and records would remain online for at least three years, be maintained for at least seven years, and then would be maintained in accordance with applicable records retention schedules.
- The Office of Administration (OA) would be required to revise its record management policies, notify the public, and transmit the new requirements to the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

PSERS and SERS boards would be required to prepare and publish online, and notify the General Assembly, within 6 months after the end of each system's fiscal year, the following information:

- The net of fees performance of all investments over the most recent 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year periods.
- Performance of all investments by asset class and manager over each time horizon, both gross and net of fees, compared to applicable benchmarks. This would apply prospectively and retroactively for the 5 year period unless the records are no longer available.
- An itemized list of fees and expenses paid to or retained by all investment managers for the applicable reporting years, separated by base management fee, profit share, performance fees, carried interest, and incentive fees, informed by best practices of the industry, including but not limited to the Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA) Fee Transparency Initiative. The board would be required to disclose which industry standards were used and whether any changes to industry standards were made.
- All travel or other expenses incurred by staff of the system or plan and paid for by an external investment manager, fund, or consultant.

Investment records of PSERS or SERS boards would constitute records subject to public access under the Right-To-Know Law (RTKL) unless, in the reasonable judgment of the board, granting access could do the following:

- Involve the release of sensitive or financial information relating to the alternative investment, which the fund or trust was able to obtain only upon agreeing to maintain its

confidentiality.

- Cause substantial competitive harm to the person from whom sensitive investment or financial information was received.
- Have a substantial detrimental impact on the value of an investment acquired, held, or disposed of by the system, or would cause a breach of fiduciary duty.

Access to SERS alternative investment records would be established to be consistent with the rules currently governing access to PSERS alternative investment records. The following information would be subject to public access under RTKL:

- The name, address, vintage year, and identity of the manager of the alternative investment vehicle.
- The dollar amount of the commitment and cash contributions made by the system or the plan to the alternative investment vehicle since inception.
- The gross and net internal rate of return of the alternative investment since inception, provided that the system or plan would not be required to disclose the gross or net internal rate of return when disclosure could reveal the values of remaining portfolio assets to the detriment of the alternative investment.
- The aggregate value of the remaining portfolio assets attributable to the system's or plan's investment in the alternative investment, provided that the system or the plan would not be required to disclose the value when the disclosure could reveal the values of remaining portfolio assets to the detriment of the investment.
- The dollar amount of total management fees, costs, and expenses paid to or retained by an alternative investment on an annual fiscal year-end basis, itemized by gross management, carried interest, and other expenses.

PSERS records of both gross and net internal rates of return would also be subject to public access under RTKL.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

Requirements related to livestreaming meetings and posting of records on the internet would apply to meetings and records created more than 30 days after the effective date.

Changes related to alternative investment records and additional reporting requirements would apply to contracts and agreements entered into after the effective date.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Section 8502\(e\) of Title 24 \(Education\)](#) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes establishes the rules governing public access to, and exemptions from, PSERS' investment records and data. Records are not deemed public if disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm to the entity providing sensitive investment information or materially diminish the value of an investment. Access may be granted once the risk of harm has ceased or the entity in which the investment was made has liquidated.

[Section 5902\(e\) of Title 71 \(State Government\)](#) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes establishes the rules governing public access to, and exemptions from, PSERS' investment records and data. Records are not deemed public if disclosure would cause substantial competitive harm to the entity providing sensitive investment information or materially diminish the value of an investment. Access may be granted once the risk of harm has ceased or the entity in which the investment was made has liquidated.

[Act No. 3 of 2008](#), also known as the Right-to-Know-Law (RTKL), provides for access to public records created and maintained by state and local agencies.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Session:

House Bill 1261 (B. Miller) was reported from the House State Government Committee on June 3, 2024, with a vote of 25-0, and laid on the table. No further action was taken.

2021-2022 Session:

House Bill 1674 (B. Miller) received third and final passage in the House on September 21, 2022, with a vote of 195-7. It was referred to the Senate State Government Committee. No further action was taken.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1375 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY B. MILLER, KUZMA, GREINER, KAUFFMAN, GLEIM,
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FREEMAN, FLEMING, SOLOMON, GAYDOS, FRITZ, ECKER, LEADBETER,
FRANKEL AND SANCHEZ, MAY 2, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 2, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in administration and
3 miscellaneous provisions, further providing for
4 administrative duties of the Public School Employees'
5 Retirement Board; and, in administration, funds, accounts and
6 general provisions, further providing for administrative
7 duties of the State Employees' Retirement Board.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 8502(e)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of
11 Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
12 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 § 8502. Administrative duties of board.

14 * * *

15 (e) Records.--

16 (1) The following shall apply:

17 (i) The board shall [keep a] livestream all public
18 board and committee meetings and post an unedited video

1 and written record of all [its] such public proceedings
2 which shall be accessible [to the public] on its publicly
3 accessible Internet website, including nonconfidential
4 materials presented to the board, except as otherwise
5 provided in this part or by other law. Video and records
6 shall remain online for a period of at least three years
7 and shall be maintained for a period of at least seven
8 years and thereafter shall be maintained in accordance
9 with applicable records retention schedules.

10 (ii) The Office of Administration shall promptly
11 revise its management directives relating to record
12 management policies to conform with the requirements of
13 this paragraph and shall provide public notice of the
14 requirements of this subsection by publishing the
15 requirements on its publicly accessible Internet website
16 and shall transmit the requirements to the Legislative
17 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available
18 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

19 (2) Any record[, material or data] received, prepared,
20 used or retained by the board or its employees, investment
21 professionals or agents relating to an investment, to the
22 extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall [not]
23 constitute a [public] record subject to public access under
24 the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the
25 Right-to-Know Law, [if] unless, in the reasonable judgment of
26 the board, [the] it is found that access would:

27 (i) in the case of an alternative investment or
28 alternative investment vehicle involve the release of
29 sensitive investment or financial information relating to
30 the alternative investment or alternative investment

1 vehicle which the fund or trust was able to obtain only
2 upon agreeing to maintain its confidentiality;

3 (ii) cause substantial competitive harm to the
4 person from whom sensitive investment or financial
5 information relating to the investment was received; or

6 (iii) have a substantial detrimental impact on the
7 value of an investment to be acquired, held or disposed
8 of by the fund or trust, or would cause a breach of the
9 standard of care or fiduciary duty set forth in this
10 part.

11 (3) The following apply:

12 (i) The sensitive investment or financial
13 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)(i),
14 to the extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall
15 constitute a [public] record subject to public access
16 under the Right-to-Know Law once the board is no longer
17 required by its agreement to maintain confidentiality.

18 (ii) The sensitive investment or financial
19 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)(ii),
20 to the extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall
21 constitute a [public] record subject to public access
22 under the Right-to-Know Law once:

23 (A) the access no longer causes substantial
24 competitive harm to the person from whom the
25 information was received; or

26 (B) the entity in which the investment was made
27 is liquidated;

28 whichever is later.

29 (iii) The sensitive investment or financial
30 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)

1 (iii), to the extent not otherwise excluded from access,
2 shall constitute a [public] record subject to public
3 access under the Right-to-Know Law once:

4 (A) the access no longer has a substantial
5 detrimental impact on the value of an investment of
6 the fund or trust and would not cause a breach of the
7 standard of care or fiduciary duty set forth in this
8 part; or

9 (B) the entity in which the investment was made
10 is liquidated;

11 whichever is later.

12 (4) [Except for the provisions of paragraph (3), nothing
13 in this subsection shall be construed to designate any
14 record, material or data received, prepared, used or retained
15 by the board or its employees, investment professionals or
16 agents relating to an investment as a public record subject
17 to public access under the Right-to-Know Law.] (Reserved).

18 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
19 the following information regarding an alternative investment
20 vehicle shall be subject to public access under the Right-to-
21 Know Law:

22 (i) The name, address and vintage year of the
23 alternative investment vehicle.

24 (ii) The identity of the manager of the alternative
25 investment vehicle.

26 (iii) The dollar amount of the commitment made by
27 the system or plan to the alternative investment vehicle.

28 (iv) The dollar amount of cash contributions made by
29 the system or plan to the alternative investment vehicle
30 since inception.

1 (v) The dollar amount of cash distributions received
2 by the system or plan from the alternative investment
3 vehicle since inception.

4 (vi) The gross and net internal rate of return of
5 the alternative investment vehicle since inception,
6 provided that the system or plan shall not be required to
7 disclose the gross or net internal rate of return under
8 circumstances in which, because of the limited number of
9 portfolio assets remaining in the alternative investment
10 vehicle, the disclosure could reveal the values of
11 specifically identifiable remaining portfolio assets to
12 the detriment of the alternative investment.

13 (vii) The aggregate value of the remaining portfolio
14 assets attributable to the system's or plan's investment
15 in the alternative investment vehicle, provided that the
16 system or plan shall not be required to disclose the
17 value under circumstances in which, because of the
18 limited number of portfolio assets remaining in the
19 alternative investment vehicle, the disclosure could
20 reveal the values of specifically identifiable remaining
21 portfolio assets to the detriment of the alternative
22 investment.

23 (viii) The dollar [amount] amounts of total
24 management fees [and], costs and expenses paid to [the]
25 or retained by an alternative investment vehicle [by the
26 system or plan] on an annual fiscal year-end basis[.],
27 itemized by gross management, carried interest and other
28 expenses.

29 * * *

30 (s) Additional reporting requirements.--

1 (1) In addition to the requirements under this section,
2 the board shall prepare and have published on its publicly
3 accessible Internet website and electronically submit copies
4 to all members of the General Assembly of the following
5 information within six months after the end of the system's
6 fiscal year:

7 (i) The net of fees performance of all investments
8 over the most recent 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year
9 periods.

10 (ii) The performance of all investments by asset
11 class and manager over each time horizon, both gross and
12 net of fees compared to benchmarks being reported for all
13 investments made commencing prospectively from the
14 effective date of this subsection and with the gross
15 returns for all investments made retroactively for the
16 five-year period from the effective date of this
17 subsection using best efforts, unless the records are no
18 longer available.

19 (iii) An itemized listing of the fees and expenses
20 paid to or retained by all investment managers for the
21 applicable reporting years, separated by base management
22 fee, profit share, performance fees, carried interest and
23 incentive fees, and informed by the best practices as
24 recommended by recognized industry standards, including,
25 but not limited to, the Institutional Limited Partners
26 Association Fee Transparency Initiative. The board shall
27 disclose in the report which industry standards were used
28 and whether any changes to industry standards have been
29 made.

30 (iv) All travel or other expenses incurred by staff

1 of the system or plan and paid for by an external
2 investment manager, fund or consultant.

3 (2) As used in this subsection, the following words and
4 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
5 paragraph unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Carried interest." Any share of profits from an
7 alternative investment vehicle that is distributed to a fund
8 manager, general partner or related party, including
9 allocations of alternative investment vehicle profits
10 received by a fund manager in consideration of having waived
11 fees that the fund manager might otherwise have been entitled
12 to receive.

13 "Institutional Limited Partners Association Fee
14 Transparency Initiative." An initiative created by the
15 Institutional Limited Partners Association to establish
16 guidelines for reporting fees, expenses and compliance
17 disclosures regarding investments.

18 Section 2. Section 5902(e)(1), (2), (3) and (4) of Title 71
19 are amended, the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph and
20 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

21 § 5902. Administrative duties of the board.

22 * * *

23 (e) Records.--

24 (1) [The board shall keep a record of all its
25 proceedings which shall be open to access by the public,
26 except as otherwise provided in this part or by other law.]

27 The following shall apply:

28 (i) The board shall livestream all public board and
29 committee meetings and post an unedited video and written
30 record of all such public proceedings, which shall be

1 accessible on its publicly accessible Internet website,
2 including nonconfidential materials presented to the
3 board, except as otherwise provided in this part or by
4 other law. Video and records shall remain online for a
5 period of at least three years and shall be maintained
6 for a period of at least seven years and thereafter shall
7 be maintained in accordance with applicable records
8 retention schedules.

9 (ii) The Office of Administration shall promptly
10 revise its management directives relating to record
11 management policies to conform with the requirements of
12 this paragraph and shall provide public notice of the
13 requirements of this subsection by publishing the
14 requirements on its publicly accessible Internet website
15 and shall transmit the requirements to the Legislative
16 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available
17 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

18 (2) Any record[, material or data] received, prepared,
19 used or retained by the board or its employees, investment
20 professionals or agents relating to an investment, to the
21 extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall [not]
22 constitute a [public] record subject to public access under
23 the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the
24 Right-to-Know Law, [if] unless, in the reasonable judgment of
25 the board, [the] it is found that access would:

26 (i) in the case of an alternative investment or
27 alternative investment vehicle, involve the release of
28 sensitive investment or financial information relating to
29 the alternative investment or alternative investment
30 vehicle which the fund or trust was able to obtain only

1 upon agreeing to maintain its confidentiality;

2 (ii) cause substantial competitive harm to the
3 person from whom sensitive investment or financial
4 information relating to the investment was received; or

5 (iii) have a substantial detrimental impact on the
6 value of an investment to be acquired, held or disposed
7 of by the fund or trust or would cause a breach of the
8 standard of care or fiduciary duty set forth in this
9 part.

10 (3) The following apply:

11 (i) The sensitive investment or financial
12 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)(i),
13 to the extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall
14 constitute a [public] record subject to public access
15 under the Right-to-Know Law once the board is no longer
16 required by its agreement to maintain confidentiality.

17 (ii) The sensitive investment or financial
18 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)(ii),
19 to the extent not otherwise excluded from access, shall
20 constitute a [public] record subject to public access
21 under the Right-to-Know Law once:

22 (A) the access no longer causes substantial
23 competitive harm to the person from whom the
24 information was received; or

25 (B) the entity in which the investment was made
26 is liquidated;
27 whichever is later.

28 (iii) The sensitive investment or financial
29 information excluded from access under paragraph (2)

30 (iii), to the extent not otherwise excluded from access,

1 shall constitute a [public] record subject to public
2 access under the Right-to-Know Law once:

3 (A) the access no longer has a substantial
4 detrimental impact on the value of an investment of
5 the fund or trust and would not cause a breach of the
6 standard of care or fiduciary duty set forth in this
7 part; or

8 (B) the entity in which the investment was made
9 is liquidated;
10 whichever is later.

11 (4) [Except for the provisions of paragraph (3), nothing
12 in this subsection shall be construed to designate any
13 record, material or data received, prepared, used or retained
14 by the board or its employees, investment professionals or
15 agents relating to an investment as a public record subject
16 to public access under the Right-to-Know Law.] (Reserved).

17 (4.1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,
18 the following information regarding an alternative investment
19 vehicle shall be subject to public access under the Right-to-
20 Know Law:

21 (i) The name, address and vintage year of the
22 alternative investment vehicle.

23 (ii) The identity of the manager of the alternative
24 investment vehicle.

25 (iii) The dollar amount of the commitment made by
26 the system or plan to the alternative investment vehicle.

27 (iv) The dollar amount of cash contributions made by
28 the system or plan to the alternative investment vehicle
29 since inception.

30 (v) The dollar amount of cash distributions received

1 by the system or plan from the alternative investment
2 vehicle since inception.

3 (vi) The gross and net internal rate of return of
4 the alternative investment vehicle since inception,
5 provided that the system or plan shall not be required to
6 disclose the gross or net internal rate of return under
7 circumstances in which, because of the limited number of
8 portfolio assets remaining in the alternative investment
9 vehicle, the disclosure could reveal the values of
10 specifically identifiable remaining portfolio assets to
11 the detriment of the alternative investment.

12 (vii) The aggregate value of the remaining portfolio
13 assets attributable to the system's or plan's investment
14 in the alternative investment vehicle, provided that the
15 system or plan shall not be required to disclose the
16 value under circumstances in which, because of the
17 limited number of portfolio assets remaining in the
18 alternative investment vehicle, the disclosure could
19 reveal the values of specifically identifiable remaining
20 portfolio assets to the detriment of the alternative
21 investment.

22 (viii) The dollar amounts of total management fees,
23 costs and expenses paid to or retained by an alternative
24 investment vehicle on an annual fiscal year-end basis,
25 itemized by gross management, carried interest and other
26 expenses.

27 * * *

28 (s) Additional reporting requirements.--

29 (1) In addition to the requirements under this section,
30 the board shall prepare and have published on its publicly

1 accessible Internet website and electronically submit copies
2 to all members of the General Assembly of the following
3 information within six months after the end of the system's
4 calendar year:

5 (i) The net of fees performance of all investments
6 over the most recent 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year
7 periods.

8 (ii) The performance of all investments by asset
9 class and manager over each time horizon, both gross and
10 net of fees compared to benchmarks being reported for all
11 investments made commencing prospectively from the
12 effective date of this subsection and with the gross
13 returns for all investments made retroactively for the
14 five-year period from the effective date of this
15 subsection using best efforts, unless the records are no
16 longer available.

17 (iii) An itemized listing of the fees, costs and
18 expenses paid to or retained by all investment managers
19 for the applicable reporting years, separated by base
20 management fee, profit share, performance fees, carried
21 interest and incentive fees, and informed by the best
22 practices as recommended by recognized industry
23 standards, including, but not limited to, the
24 Institutional Limited Partners Association Fee
25 Transparency Initiative. The board shall disclose in the
26 report which industry standards were used and whether any
27 changes to industry standards have been made.

28 (iv) All travel or other expenses incurred by staff
29 of the system or plan and paid for by an external
30 investment manager, fund or consultant.

1 (2) As used in this subsection, the following words and
2 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 paragraph unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Carried interest." Any share of profits from an
5 alternative investment vehicle that is distributed to a fund
6 manager, general partner or related party, including
7 allocations of alternative investment vehicle profits
8 received by a fund manager in consideration of having waived
9 fees that the fund manager might otherwise have been entitled
10 to receive.

11 "Institutional Limited Partners Association Fee
12 Transparency Initiative." An initiative created by the
13 Institutional Limited Partners Association to establish
14 guidelines for reporting fees, expenses and compliance
15 disclosures regarding investments.

16 Section 3. This act shall apply as follows:

17 (1) The amendment of 24 Pa.C.S. § 8502(e)(1) shall apply
18 to board meetings that occur and video, written records and
19 materials created more than 30 days after the effective date
20 of this section.

21 (2) The amendment or addition of 24 Pa.C.S. § 8502(e)(5)
22 (vi) and (viii) and (s)(1)(iii) shall apply to contracts and
23 agreements entered into after the effective date of this
24 section.

25 (3) The amendment of 71 Pa.C.S. § 5902(e)(1) shall apply
26 to board meetings that occur and video, written records and
27 materials created more than 30 days after the effective date
28 of this section.

29 (4) The amendment or addition of 71 Pa.C.S. § 5902(e)
30 (4.1)(vi), (vii) and (viii) and (s)(1)(iii) shall apply to

1 contracts and agreements entered into after the effective
2 date of this section.
3 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1806 PN2220	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt
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Sponsor:	Nelson, Napoleon	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
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A. Brief Concept

Designates March 9 of each year as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in the Commonwealth.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to designate March 9 of each year as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in the Commonwealth.

The Governor would be required to issue a proclamation every year encouraging residents of the Commonwealth to observe 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day and to write and mail letters to family, friends, military personnel and veterans to recognize postal employees and the important services these employees provide in connecting us to each other.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Title 38 \(Holidays and Observances\) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes](#) provides for certain days to be observed in the Commonwealth.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1806 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY N. NELSON, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, GUENST, PROBST,
FREEMAN, PIELLI, VENKAT AND SANCHEZ, AUGUST 14, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 15, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 38 (Holidays and Observances) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in veteran recognition, providing for
3 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day.

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

6 Section 1. Title 38 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1307. 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day.

9 (a) Legislative findings and declarations.--The General
10 Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) In November 1944, the United States War Department
12 lifted the ban on African American women in the Womens' Army
13 Corps, leading to the formation of the 6888th Central Postal
14 Directory Battalion.

15 (2) The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was a
16 unique United States Army unit that had the distinction of
17 being the only all African American all-female battalion to
18 be deployed to the European Theater of Operations during

1 World War II.

2 (3) Over 850 African American women, including 824
3 enlisted and 31 officers, served with the 6888th Central
4 Postal Directory Battalion which was commissioned February
5 1945 to March 1946.

6 (4) The specific mission of the 6888th Central Postal
7 Directory Battalion during World War II was to sort and clear
8 a multiyear backlog of mail for the American Army, Navy, Air
9 Force, Red Cross and uniformed civilian specialists stationed
10 in Europe, which represented 7 million individuals awaiting
11 correspondence.

12 (5) The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion
13 trained at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and learned to:

14 (i) Identify enemy aircraft, ships and weapons.

15 (ii) Climb ropes, jump trenches and crawl under logs
16 wearing gas masks.

17 (iii) Board and evacuate ships.

18 (iv) March long distances with rucksacks.

19 (6) In February 1945, the first contingent of the 6888th
20 embarked from Camp Shank, New York, to sail to Britain and
21 their ship, the Ile de France, survived close encounters with
22 the Nazi U-boats, including a V-1 rocket exploding near the
23 dock causing the women to run and cover, and arrived safely
24 in Glasgow, Scotland.

25 (7) Despite enduring inhumane working conditions,
26 including dark, unheated, rat-infested aircraft hangers with
27 broken windows and air raids, the 6888th Central Postal
28 Directory Battalion created a new mail tracking system,
29 worked three separate eight-hour shifts, seven days per week
30 to process an average of 65,000 parcels per shift, or 195,000

1 daily parcels, and cleared the six-month backlog of mail in
2 three months.

3 (8) After resolving the immense mail backlog in
4 Birmingham, the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion
5 sailed to France for their next assignment in Rouen, where
6 they encountered undelivered mail dating back two to three
7 years, which the battalion successfully processed and cleared
8 in three months.

9 (9) After concluding the final assignment in Paris, the
10 last of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion
11 returned to the United States aboard the ship Claymont
12 Victory and was disbanded in March 1946 at Fort Dix, New
13 Jersey, with no parades, public appreciation or official
14 recognition of their accomplishments.

15 (10) The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was
16 the largest contingent of African-American women to ever
17 serve overseas, dispelled stereotypes and represented a
18 change in racial and gender roles in the military.

19 (11) On February 25, 2009, the 6888th Central Postal
20 Directory Battalion was honored by President Barack Obama at
21 the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at
22 Arlington National Cemetery.

23 (12) On November 30, 2018, a monument, inscribed "Women
24 of Determination, Dedication and Distinction" was dedicated
25 in Buffalo Soldier Memorial Park at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

26 (13) The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion was
27 awarded the Women's Army Corps Service Medal, the European
28 African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct
29 Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

30 (14) In 2019, the Army awarded the 6888th Central Postal

1 Directory Battalion the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

2 (15) On March 14, 2022, the Congressional Gold Medal was
3 awarded to members of the Women's Army Corps who were
4 assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion.

5 (16) Eighty-one members of the 6888th Central Postal
6 Directory Battalion were residents of this Commonwealth at
7 the time of enlistment:

8 (i) Anderson, Jennie V PVT.

9 (ii) Anderson, Love Peace CPL.

10 (iii) Artist, Mary A PFC.

11 (iv) Balls, Louisa PVT.

12 (v) Bastin, Edna PVT.

13 (vi) Bell, Lena Derriecott CPL.

14 (vii) Berks, Blanche Viola PVT.

15 (viii) Berry, Carolyn Morse PVT.

16 (ix) Brooks, Lucille McGhee CPL.

17 (x) Bugg, Vyvyanne Elmore PFC.

18 (xi) Cartwright, Charlotte PVT.

19 (xii) Collins, Florence A PVT.

20 (xiii) Cornwell, Elizabeth H PFC.

21 (xiv) Crews, Frances Vernon PVT.

22 (xv) Crump, Catherine Jane PVT.

23 (xvi) Dabney, Violet PFC.

24 (xvii) Daniel, Rhoda A SGT.

25 (xviii) Dannals, Elsie Alverna PFC.

26 (xix) Davenport, Naomi PFC.

27 (xx) Davis, Ursula Virginia PVT.

28 (xxi) Dean, Freda Mae PVT.

29 (xxii) Dean, Ruth Naomi PVT.

30 (xxiii) Demby, Addie Mae PFC.

1 (xxiv) Elzie, Marian M PFC.
2 (xxv) Evans, Adele PVT.
3 (xxvi) Ewings, Ophelia Mae PFC.
4 (xxvii) Faulk, Ermayne Sanata PVT.
5 (xxviii) Ferguson, Alvia PVT.
6 (xxix) Ford, Alice Olivia PVT.
7 (xxx) Glover, Arena Theresa T5.
8 (xxxi) Gould, Helen Vivian T5.
9 (xxxii) Gray, Dolores Carolyn SGT.
10 (xxxiii) Green, Thelma Vivian PVT.
11 (xxxiv) Griggs, Hilda Parthenia PVT.
12 (xxxv) Grundy, Marian Rosalie PFC.
13 (xxxvi) Harris, Rosa Mae SGT.
14 (xxxvii) Jackson, Willie Marie PVT.
15 (xxxviii) Jacobs, Isofine PVT.
16 (xxxix) Johnson, Bebe C PVT.
17 (xl) Johnson, Hessie PFC.
18 (xli) Jones, Elaine Viola T5.
19 (xlii) Jordan, Frances C PFC.
20 (xliii) King, Catherine Alice SGT.
21 (xliv) LeSueuer, Evelyn C PFC.
22 (xlv) Lewis, Bernice F PFC.
23 (xlvi) Long, Phyllis Gray PVT.
24 (xlvii) Lucas, Grace Elizabeth PFC.
25 (xlviii) Lucas, Willma Henrietta PVT.
26 (xlix) Mance, Tryphena Teresa PVT.
27 (l) Marsett, Berenice Elisabeth PVT.
28 (li) McNeal, Julia PFC.
29 (lii) Monroe, Mary Priscilla T5.
30 (liii) Moraney, Elizabeth PVT.

1 (liv) Parker, O'Dell PVT.
2 (lv) Patillo, Stella E SGT.
3 (lvi) Perry, Lillie PVT.
4 (lvii) Perry, Nazimova Lee PVT.
5 (lviii) Philpot, Alma Marjorie CPL.
6 (lix) Pinkett, Helen Lee PVT.
7 (lx) Purdy, Thelma Elizabeth PFC.
8 (lxi) Reid, Dorothy Louise PFC.
9 (lxii) Rich, Julia A 2LT.
10 (lxiii) Robinson, Aleese Juanita PFC.
11 (lxiv) Rodgers, Juanita Gertrude PFC.
12 (lxv) Russell, Sarah Olive T5.
13 (lxvi) Smith, Alice Hester PVT.
14 (lxvii) Stewart, Naomi Virginia PVT.
15 (lxviii) Stovall, Janyce Lee PFC.
16 (lxix) Stribbling, Helen DeVon CPL.
17 (lxx) Sullivan, Eleanor Frances PVT.
18 (lxxi) Taylor, Cleola E PVT.
19 (lxxii) Townsend, Margoit Michele PVT.
20 (lxxiii) Warfield, Cornelia Dolores PVT.
21 (lxxiv) Williams, Dorothy Elizabeth T5.
22 (lxxv) Williams, Eunice Viola SSG.
23 (lxxvi) Willis, Alberta Clarteen PVT.
24 (lxxvii) Wilson, Emma M PFC.
25 (lxxviii) Wilson, Ruby Mae PVT.
26 (lxxix) Wood, Hilda E PFC.
27 (lxxx) Wright, Catherine PVT.
28 (lxxxii) Young, Mary Purnell PVT.

29 (b) Designation.--March 9 of each year is designated as
30 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day in this

1 Commonwealth.

2 (c) Proclamation.--The Governor shall issue annually a
3 proclamation encouraging residents of this Commonwealth to
4 observe 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day and to
5 write and mail letters to family, friends, military personnel
6 and veterans to recognize postal employees and the important
7 services these employees provide in connecting us to each other.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0056 PN0501	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6778
Sponsor:	Webster, Joe	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	2/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Directs the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the current utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments, and voting machines to determine the best course of action in order to minimize the time investment required to vote and ensure that the average time required to vote does not promote inequities based on geography, economic status, race, gender or other relevant factors.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would direct the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the current utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments, and voting machines to determine the best course of action in order to minimize the time investment required to vote and ensure that the average time required to vote does not promote inequalities based upon geography, economic status, race, gender, or other relevant factors.

The Joint State Government Commission study would be required to include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- A breakdown of the current utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments, and voting machines by county and by election district.
- The average wait time to vote by county.
- The average wait time to vote based upon geography, economic status, race, gender, and any other factor deemed relevant by the Joint State Government Commission.
- What extent changes can be made at the county level to minimize wait times for in-person voting.
- What extent changes can be made at the election district level to minimize wait times for in-person voting.
- Recommendations for legislative or administrative action to minimize wait times for in-person voting.

The Joint State Government Commission be authorized for the study on behalf of the House of Representatives to request information from:

- the Department of State and the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- county boards of elections.
- district election boards.

The Joint State Government Commission would be required to report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than one year after the adoption of this resolution.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

[Article VII \(Elections\) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#) provides for method of elections, secrecy in voting, election laws, election districts, and election officers.

[Act No. 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code](#) provides for utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments, and voting machines.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

An identical resolution, House Resolution 32 (Webster) was reported from the House State Government Committee on June 5, 2023. It was not brought up for a vote by the House of Representatives.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 56 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, PIELLI, SANCHEZ,
SCHLOSSBERG, STEELE, CERRATO, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, CIRESI AND
WAXMAN, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 study on the current utilization of poll workers, polling
3 places, voting compartments and voting machines to determine
4 the best course of action in order to minimize the time
5 investment required to vote and ensure that the average time
6 required to vote does not promote inequities based on
7 geography, economic status, race, gender or other relevant
8 factors.

9 WHEREAS, The United States conducts elections unlike any
10 other country in the world, empowering states to implement
11 elections by entrusting local officials in more than 10,000
12 jurisdictions to run elections; and

13 WHEREAS, In Pennsylvania, all elections are conducted in each
14 voting precinct by a district election board; and

15 WHEREAS, District election boards consist of a judge of
16 election, majority inspector of election and minority inspector
17 of election; and

18 WHEREAS, Poll workers are often volunteers who have received
19 only a few hours of training; and

20 WHEREAS, The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as

1 the Pennsylvania Election Code, stipulates that election
2 districts may not contain more than 1,200 registered electors,
3 except for good cause shown, and requires each election district
4 to contain a polling place; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Election Code requires that each
6 polling place have at least one voting compartment for every 200
7 registered qualified electors, or a fraction thereof, and have
8 no more than one machine for every 350 registered qualified
9 electors, or a fraction thereof, nor less than one machine for
10 every 600 registered qualified electors, or a fraction thereof;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, A combination of factors often leads to increased
13 wait times at polling places, discouraging individuals from
14 voting and disproportionately affecting poorer citizens with
15 less flexibility at work; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2018, Black and Latino voters waited in line for
17 11 minutes on average, compared to just 9 minutes on average for
18 white voters; and

19 WHEREAS, As the percentage of nonwhite voters in a precinct
20 increased, so did the time it took to cast a ballot; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2020, some voters saw major delays at polling
22 places, especially in majority-minority neighborhoods; therefore
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
25 State Government Commission to conduct a study on the current
26 utilization of poll workers, polling places, voting compartments
27 and voting machines to determine the best course of action in
28 order to minimize the time investment required to vote and
29 ensure that the average time required to vote does not promote
30 inequalities based upon geography, economic status, race, gender

1 or other relevant factors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission study
3 shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

4 (1) A breakdown of the current utilization of poll
5 workers, polling places, voting compartments and voting
6 machines by county and by election district.

7 (2) The average wait time to vote by county.

8 (3) The average wait time to vote based upon geography,
9 economic status, race, gender and any other factor deemed
10 relevant by the Joint State Government Commission.

11 (4) What extent changes can be made at the county level
12 to minimize wait times for in-person voting.

13 (5) What extent changes can be made at the election
14 district level to minimize wait times for in-person voting.

15 (6) Recommendations for legislative or administrative
16 action to minimize wait times for in-person voting;

17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
19 authorized to request information from the Department of State
20 and the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the study on behalf of
21 the House of Representatives; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
23 authorized to request information from county boards of
24 elections for the study on behalf of the House of
25 Representatives; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
27 authorized to request information from district election boards
28 for the study on behalf of the House of Representatives; and be
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report

- 1 its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives
- 2 no later than one year after the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0384 PN2742	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Solomon, Jared	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/9/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Directs the Joint State Government Commission (JSGC) to conduct a study and issue a report regarding the feasibility of implementing both a Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot rotation system for the order of listing candidates on ballots in primary and general elections, and for each type of office.

C. Analysis of the Bill

The House of Representatives would direct the Joint State Government Commission (JSGC) to conduct a study and issue a report regarding the feasibility of implementing both a Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot rotation system for the order of listing candidates on ballots in primary and general elections, and for each type of office.

For the study, JSGC would be required to:

- Review current Pennsylvania law and practice that determine candidate order on ballots and ballot labels, including provisions assigning the Secretary of the Commonwealth and county boards responsibilities for setting order, and the use of lots or other processes for establishing the order.
- Examine approaches for rotation by county, district municipality, ward, division, or precinct, including:
 - Full rotation across the relevant jurisdiction.
 - Rotation within batches of precincts.
 - Hybrid approaches that combine Statewide rules with local rotation sequences.
- Address rotation methods for multicounty contests and single-county contests, considering how rotation sequences would be generated, synchronized, and audited.
- Evaluate operational impacts on county election offices and vendors, including ballot programming, proofing, printing, logic and accuracy testing, pollbook/ballot style management, reconciliation, and risk-limiting audits.
- Evaluate costs, staffing, timelines, and procurement considerations, including voting system capabilities for on-premise and central printing, electronic ballot delivery for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voters, and accessible ballot formats.
- Consider statutory and constitutional constraints and identify any changes necessary to implement rotation while maintaining uniformity of election laws across the Commonwealth.
- Assess data and evidence on ballot order effects and the degree to which each rotation approach could reduce or eliminate statistical advantage based on position.
- Identify technology standards, security controls, and quality assurance processes needed to ensure accurate rotation across all ballot styles, languages, and accessible formats.
- Consult with stakeholders, including the Department of State, county boards of elections, voting system vendors, disability rights advocates, and academic experts in election administration and statistics.
- Propose implementation timelines, including pilot options, phased rollouts, and Statewide deployment strategies.

The report would include the following:

- Comparison of Statewide ballot rotation and precinct ballot rotation models, and analysis of similar alternative methods of varying candidate order that may achieve equivalent outcomes.
- Model procedures for conducting lots or other randomization processes for candidate order and, where relevant, for rotating order across counties in multicounty contests.
- Draft statutory or regulatory language necessary to implement each recommended option.
- Cost estimates and fiscal impacts for the Commonwealth and political subdivisions.
- Recommendations for the implementation of a Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot rotation system, or for any similar alternative method of varying candidate order designed to reduce or eliminate statistical advantages based on ballot order.

JSGC would be required to submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to members of the House State Government Committee within one year after the adoption of this resolution.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

[Title 25 \(Elections\)](#) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes provides for voter registration, elections, election officials, and various other aspects of the electoral process in the Commonwealth.

[Act No. 320 of 1937, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code](#), provides for elections, the nomination of candidates, primary and election expenses and election contests; creates and defines membership of county boards of elections; imposes duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth, courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners; imposes penalties for violation of the act, and codifies, revises and consolidates the laws relating thereto; and repeals certain acts and parts of acts relating to elections.

The federal [Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act \("MOVE Act"\)](#) amended the [Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act](#) to establish new voter registration and absentee ballot procedures that states must follow in all federal elections.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

None.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 384 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY SOLOMON, MAKO, GILLEN, RABB, GAYDOS, SHUSTERMAN,
COOPER, GALLAGHER, VENKAT AND WAXMAN, JANUARY 8, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 8, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 study regarding the feasibility of implementing both a
3 Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot
4 rotation system for the order of listing candidates on
5 ballots in primary and general elections and for each type of
6 office and to issue a report.

7 WHEREAS, Research and experience in election administration
8 indicate that the order in which candidates are listed on
9 ballots can confer measurable advantages that are unrelated to
10 candidate quality or voter preference, sometimes referred to as
11 "ballot order effects"; and

12 WHEREAS, Rotational systems are used in various jurisdictions
13 to reduce or eliminate such effects by systematically varying
14 candidate order; and

15 WHEREAS, Any changes to ballot order practices in this
16 Commonwealth must be consistent with the requirements of the
17 Constitution of Pennsylvania concerning elections, including
18 uniformity of election and registration laws, and with the
19 Pennsylvania Election Code, including its provisions governing
20 ballot layout and the casting of lots or other processes

1 determining candidate order; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
3 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study
4 regarding the feasibility of implementing both a Statewide
5 ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot rotation system for
6 the order of listing candidates on the ballot in both primary
7 and general elections and for each type of office; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That in performing the study, the Joint State
10 Government Commission:

11 (1) Review current Pennsylvania law and practice
12 governing candidate order on ballots and ballot labels,
13 including provisions assigning the Secretary of the
14 Commonwealth and county boards responsibilities for setting
15 order, and the use of lots or other processes for
16 establishing the order.

17 (2) Examine approaches for rotation by county, district,
18 municipality, ward, division or precinct, including:

19 (i) full rotation across the relevant jurisdiction;

20 (ii) rotation within batches of precincts; and

21 (iii) hybrid approaches that combine Statewide rules
22 with local rotation sequences.

23 (3) Address rotation methods for multicounty contests
24 and single-county contests, considering how rotation
25 sequences would be generated, synchronized and audited.

26 (4) Evaluate operational impacts on county election
27 offices and vendors, including ballot programming, proofing,
28 printing, logic and accuracy testing, pollbook/ballot style
29 management, reconciliation and risk-limiting audits.

30 (5) Evaluate costs, staffing, timelines and procurement

1 considerations, including voting system capabilities for on-
2 premise and central printing, electronic ballot delivery for
3 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act voters
4 and accessible ballot formats.

5 (6) Consider statutory and constitutional constraints
6 and identify any changes necessary to implement rotation
7 while maintaining uniformity of election laws across this
8 Commonwealth.

9 (7) Assess data and evidence on ballot order effects and
10 the degree to which each rotation approach could reduce or
11 eliminate statistical advantage based on position.

12 (8) Identify technology standards, security controls and
13 quality assurance processes needed to ensure accurate
14 rotation across all ballot styles, languages and accessible
15 formats.

16 (9) Consult with stakeholders, including the Department
17 of State, county boards of elections, voting system vendors,
18 disability rights advocates and academic experts in election
19 administration and statistics.

20 (10) Propose implementation timelines, including pilot
21 options, phased rollouts and Statewide deployment strategies;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission receive
24 the assistance and cooperation of Commonwealth agencies and
25 political subdivisions, as needed, to carry out its study; and
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a
28 report that:

29 (1) Compares Statewide ballot rotation and precinct
30 ballot rotation models and analyze any similar alternative

1 methods of varying candidate order that may achieve
2 equivalent outcomes.

3 (2) Includes model procedures for conducting lots or
4 other randomization processes for candidate order and, where
5 relevant, for rotating order across counties in multicounty
6 contests.

7 (3) Provides draft statutory or regulatory language
8 necessary to implement each recommended option.

9 (4) Provides cost estimates and fiscal impacts for the
10 Commonwealth and political subdivisions.

11 (5) Includes recommendations for the implementation of a
12 Statewide ballot rotation system and a precinct ballot
13 rotation system or for any similar alternative method of
14 varying candidate order designed to reduce or eliminate
15 statistical advantages based on ballot order;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit
18 its report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to
19 members of the State Government Committee of the House of
20 Representatives within one year after the adoption of this
21 resolution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0390 PN2771	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/15/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of March 2026 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would recognize March 2026 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania, and highlights the critical economic, cultural, and social contributions women have made and continue to make across every aspect of life in the Commonwealth and the nation.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 69 (Hill-Evans) was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 25, 2025, by a vote of 197-5.

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 303 (Hill-Evans) was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 26, 2024, by a vote of 200-1.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 390 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, KINKEAD, HARKINS, PROBST, VENKAT,
GUZMAN, ISAACSON, HOWARD, NEILSON, CONKLIN, McNEILL, MERSKI,
KAZEEM, SANCHEZ, BURGOS, SHUSTERMAN, GUENST, MAYES, BOROWSKI,
FREEMAN, MADDEN, BELLMON, PASHINSKI, RIVERA AND MENTZER,
JANUARY 15, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 15, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2026 as "Women's History Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background
4 have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of
5 the nation and the world in countless recorded and unrecorded
6 ways; and

7 WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a
8 critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of
9 life in the nation by constituting a significant portion of the
10 labor force, working inside and outside the home; and

11 WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the
12 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural
13 institutions in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, securing their own
15 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and

16 WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist

1 movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor
2 movement, the civil rights movement and especially the peace
3 movement, American women have created a more fair and just
4 society for all; and

5 WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of
6 education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for
7 women to gain a basic education only; and

8 WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women
9 faced arguments from physicians and others that females were
10 incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and
11 would be harmed by striving for it; and

12 WHEREAS, Women's commitment to educational equality
13 throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and
14 ascension in politics and government; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project began with a
16 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter that declared the week of
17 March 8, 1980, as the first "National Women's History Week"; and

18 WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints,
19 women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of
20 possibility for future generations; and

21 WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage and
22 commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief
23 workers, CEOs and leaders in business, politics, religion and
24 their communities; and

25 WHEREAS, Women's lives and work inspire girls and women to
26 achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to
27 respect the diversity and depth of women's experience; and

28 WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the
29 economic, political and social achievements of women as
30 organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions,

1 women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, "Women's History Month" is an ideal venue for all
4 Pennsylvanians to reflect on women's struggle for equal
5 educational rights and their significant contributions to this
6 Commonwealth and the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2026 as "Women's
8 History Month" highlights the achievements of the women across
9 this Commonwealth and the nation who have created a more fair
10 and just society for all people; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of March 2026 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania
13 and invite the women, men and children of this Commonwealth to
14 explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women
15 have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this
16 Commonwealth and the nation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0391 PN2776	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Waxman, Benjamin	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/20/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to recognize January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

This date serves as both a day on which the lives of those who perished during the Holocaust are honored and on which a commitment to human rights is reasserted by rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event and educating new generations about the atrocities that transpired in an effort to prevent future acts of genocide from occurring.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 22 (Solomon) was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 5, 2025, by a vote of 202-0.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 391 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY WAXMAN, MARCELL, VENKAT, CONKLIN, HOHENSTEIN,
FREEMAN, SAPPEY, GREINER, HARKINS, McNEILL, HANBIDGE,
NEILSON, SAMUELSON, SCHLOSSBERG, KHAN, KUZMA, ISAACSON,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ, GALLAGHER, BOROWSKI,
MENTZER, RIVERA, BRENNAN AND MADDEN, JANUARY 16, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing January 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust
2 Remembrance Day" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic
4 persecution and murder of an estimated 17 million people by the
5 German Nazi regime, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler,
6 between 1933 and 1945; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon the rise of the Nazi regime in 1933, the party
8 gave political expression to theories of racism against the
9 Jewish population and gained popularity by disseminating anti-
10 Jewish propaganda and ordering anti-Jewish economic boycotts,
11 staging book burnings and enacting discriminatory anti-Jewish
12 legislation such as the Nuremberg Laws which, in 1935, provided
13 the legal framework for the systemic persecution of the Jewish
14 people; and

15 WHEREAS, The Holocaust began with grievous abuses of power
16 and what would be referred to today as gross human rights

1 violations before escalating into war and genocide; and

2 WHEREAS, German Nazis not only targeted the European Jewish
3 population, but countless others, including Romani, mentally and
4 physically disabled individuals, homosexuals, Poles, Communists,
5 Soviet citizens, Socialists and Jehovah's Witnesses, due to
6 perceived racial and biological inferiority and on political,
7 ideological and behavioral grounds; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1933, the Jewish population of Europe stood at
9 more than 9 million but by the liberation of the Auschwitz-
10 Birkenau concentration camp in 1945, the Germans and their
11 collaborators had killed approximately 6 million Jewish men,
12 women and children as part of the "Final Solution" policy the
13 Nazi regime developed in an effort to eradicate the Jewish
14 population; and

15 WHEREAS, The Holocaust was a unique and undeniable tragedy
16 and human rights crisis that was perpetrated upon millions of
17 innocent victims; and

18 WHEREAS, On January 27, 1945, Soviet soldiers opened the
19 gates to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest and deadliest
20 concentration camp, and liberated more than 6,000 prisoners,
21 most of whom were ill and dying due to the horrors they were
22 subjected to by their captors; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2005, in commemoration of the importance and
24 significance of that event, the General Assembly of the United
25 Nations adopted a resolution establishing January 27 as
26 "International Holocaust Remembrance Day"; and

27 WHEREAS, January 27 serves as both a day on which the lives
28 of those who perished during the Holocaust are honored and on
29 which a commitment to human rights is reasserted by rejecting
30 any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event and educating

1 new generations of the atrocities that transpired in an effort
2 to prevent future acts of genocide from occurring; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the United Nations also
4 encourages, as part of its original declaration in 2005, that
5 this day be used to condemn all manifestations of religious
6 intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against
7 individuals or communities based on ethnic origin or religious
8 belief, whenever they occur; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize January
10 27, 2026, as "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" in
11 Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0394 PN2783	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Carroll, Andre	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/21/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Designates March 17, 2026, as "Bayard Rustin Day" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to designate March 17, 2026, as "Bayard Rustin Day" in Pennsylvania and honor the life and significant accomplishments of Bayard Rustin, an influential and often overlooked leader in our nation's history.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 86 (Carroll) was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 19, 2025, by a vote of 178-24.

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 441 (Scott) was referred to the House State Government Committee on May 20, 2024. It was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 394 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY CARROLL, KAZEEM, VENKAT, KRAJEWSKI, PIELLI, HILL-
EVANS, MADDEN, FREEMAN, KHAN, RABB, OTTEN AND SANCHEZ,
JANUARY 20, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 21, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 17, 2026, as "Bayard Rustin Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Born March 17, 1912, Bayard Rustin was one of 12
4 children raised by his grandparents in West Chester; and

5 WHEREAS, It was at his family home in West Chester that Mr.
6 Rustin's lifelong commitment to nonviolent activism began
7 through both a Quaker upbringing and the influence of his
8 grandmother's participation in the National Association for the
9 Advancement of Colored People; and

10 WHEREAS, As a teenager, Mr. Rustin's activism included
11 refusing to sit in the segregated section of a cinema,
12 demonstrating his early stand against racial injustice; and

13 WHEREAS, As a young adult, Mr. Rustin worked for the
14 Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), advocating for peace, labor
15 rights and social equality; and

16 WHEREAS, His work included traveling to India to study the
17 Gandhian philosophy of nonviolence, further shaping his belief

1 in peaceful resistance as a means for achieving social justice;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, In 1941, Mr. Rustin served as a principal leader in
4 calling for a march on Washington to protest discrimination in
5 the armed forces and the defense sector, prompting President
6 Franklin D. Roosevelt to issue an executive order ending
7 segregation in defense industries; and

8 WHEREAS, During this period, Mr. Rustin cofounded the
9 Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and participated in the CORE
10 Journey of Reconciliation, which tested Supreme Court rulings
11 barring segregation in interstate travel and later served as a
12 model for the Freedom Rides of 1961; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1953, Mr. Rustin was fired from FOR because he
14 was gay, an example of the discrimination he faced throughout
15 his life due to his sexual orientation; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1956, Mr. Rustin met with Dr. Martin Luther King,
17 Jr., to show support for the Montgomery Bus Boycott and advocate
18 for the use of nonviolent tactics in protesting racial
19 injustices in the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Rustin's influence was monumental in encouraging
21 Dr. King to embrace pacifism as a way of life and was
22 instrumental in making nonviolence a cornerstone of the Civil
23 Rights Movement; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. King worked closely with Mr. Rustin and relied
25 on his strategies and organizational skills, which were most
26 notably displayed when Mr. Rustin served as the chief organizer
27 for the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; and

28 WHEREAS, The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom became
29 a landmark event credited with facilitating the passage of the
30 Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Rustin continued to combat
2 social injustices, becoming a champion for gay rights in
3 addition to his work for racial equality and labor rights; and

4 WHEREAS, Bayard Rustin passed away on August 24, 1987, but
5 his legacy of nonviolent activism and social justice lives on
6 among modern-day activists who follow in his footsteps;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
9 17, 2026, as "Bayard Rustin Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the life
12 and significant accomplishments of Bayard Rustin, an influential
13 and often overlooked leader in our nation's history.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0406 PN2815	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/22/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of March 2026 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to recognize the month of March 2026 as "National Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania in celebration and support of the social work profession.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 44 (Hill-Evans) was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 26, 2025, by a vote of 174-27.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 406 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, ABNEY, VENKAT, HOHENSTEIN, GUZMAN,
HARKINS, ISAACSON, HOWARD, NEILSON, CONKLIN, McNEILL, KAZEEM,
SANCHEZ, BURGOS, BOROWSKI, DOUGHERTY, FREEMAN, MADDEN,
PASHINSKI, RIVERA, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, BOYD AND D. WILLIAMS,
JANUARY 28, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 28, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2026 as "National Social Work
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, For decades, the social work profession has been
4 dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic
5 needs of all individuals, especially the most vulnerable; and

6 WHEREAS, The services provided by the social work profession
7 are needed more than ever; and

8 WHEREAS, People become social workers because they have a
9 strong desire to help others and make our society a better place
10 to live for all; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, social
12 work is one of the fastest growing professions in the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers have always been present in times of
15 crisis, helping individuals overcome issues such as death and
16 grief and helping individuals and communities recover from

1 natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes; and

2 WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 social worker jobs in
3 our nation and the employment is projected to grow 6% from 2024
4 to 2034, faster than the average for all occupations; and

5 WHEREAS, Social workers have helped drive significant,
6 positive changes in our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers work in all parts of our society to
8 empower individuals to live to their fullest potential; and

9 WHEREAS, For generations, social workers have advocated for
10 positive changes that have made society a better place to live,
11 including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve
12 workplace safety and enact social safety net programs that help
13 ameliorate hunger, homelessness and poverty; and

14 WHEREAS, Social workers are one of the largest groups of
15 mental health care providers in the United States, working daily
16 to help individuals, whether in person or remotely, overcome
17 substance use disorders and mental illnesses, such as depression
18 and anxiety; and

19 WHEREAS, Social workers remain prepared to aid our nation in
20 surmounting current and forthcoming challenges, enhancing health
21 care and mental health care for everyone and encouraging

22 lawmakers to consider comprehensive reforms; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of March 2026 as "National Social Work Month" in

25 Pennsylvania and call upon all residents of this Commonwealth to
26 join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration
27 and support of the social work profession.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0409 PN2818	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6839
Sponsor:	Matzie, Robert	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	1/28/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Designates March 8, 2026, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania and celebrates its 345th birthday.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to designate March 8, 2026, as "Charter Day" in Pennsylvania and celebrate its 345th birthday.

Residents, schools, other educational institutions and patriotic, religious, historical and veterans' groups are encouraged to participate with "Charter Day" activities sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Historical Records Advisory Board and the 23 other State historic sites and museums or those offered by any of the many other historical organizations across the Commonwealth.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 35 (Matzie) was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 5, 2025, by a vote of 199-3.

2024-2023 Session:

House Resolution 301 (Matzie) was referred to the House State Government Committee on January 31, 2024. It was not brought up for consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 409 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, VENKAT, MAYES, FREEMAN, PASHINSKI, MADDEN,
KAZEEM, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, RIVERA,
STAMBAUGH, GREINER, MENTZER, JAMES AND ANDERSON,
JANUARY 28, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 28, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 8, 2026, as "Charter Day" and Pennsylvania's
2 345th birthday in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On March 4, 1681, King Charles II of England granted
4 William Penn a charter for land in the New World to make up for
5 a large debt that the king owed to Penn's father; and

6 WHEREAS, William Penn had initially decided to name the land
7 "Sylvania," which in Latin means "woods," to which King Charles
8 II added the prefix "Penn" in honor of William Penn's father,
9 Admiral Sir William Penn; and

10 WHEREAS, Admiral Penn had served England as a rear admiral
11 and vice admiral of Ireland, a vice admiral of England, a
12 general in the First Anglo-Dutch War and great captain commander
13 under the Duke of York; and

14 WHEREAS, William Penn wrote a Frame of Government of
15 Pennsylvania that established a democratic system containing
16 full freedom of religion, fair trials featuring independent
17 juries, assemblies consisting of elected representatives of the

1 people and a separation of powers in the government, all ideas
2 that later formed the crux of the Constitution of the United
3 States; and

4 WHEREAS, William Penn described Pennsylvania as his "holy
5 experiment" and from it he hoped a nation based on justice would
6 grow; and

7 WHEREAS, William Penn's charter exists as the formal
8 beginning of the colony and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
9 and through it, William Penn established the first example of
10 democracy in what would become the United States of America; and

11 WHEREAS, Our residents benefit from learning more about the
12 overall history of this Commonwealth from its founding and how
13 the principles of governance within the Commonwealth date back
14 to the beliefs of William Penn; and

15 WHEREAS, The history of Pennsylvania exists as a kaleidoscope
16 of stories and people, with each area of this Commonwealth
17 having multiple stories of history involving key characters and
18 events that create and establish Pennsylvania's heritage; and

19 WHEREAS, "Charter Day" and Pennsylvania's birthday are
20 typically observed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
21 Commission on the second Sunday of March, which in 2026 is March
22 8; and

23 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
24 encourages visits to all of its sites in celebration of "Charter
25 Day" and Pennsylvania's 345th birthday; and

26 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission,
27 the Pennsylvania State Archives and the State Historical Records
28 Advisory Board each work to inform Commonwealth residents about
29 our Commonwealth's heritage through special activities,
30 including sponsoring an annual "Charter Day" event in the State

1 Museum of Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, This free event includes a presentation of the 1681
3 charter as well as Pennsylvania's copy of a joint resolution of
4 Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
5 United States extending the right of suffrage to women and
6 Pennsylvania's joint resolution for ratification of the 19th
7 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, stories of
8 Pennsylvania and other programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has 23 other State historic sites and
10 museums and numerous other historical organizations that
11 continue to operate, largely thanks to the assistance of
12 volunteers and other groups that have donated their money, time
13 and other resources so that residents can remain well informed
14 about the fabric of this Commonwealth's history; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
16 8, 2026, as "Charter Day" and Pennsylvania's 345th birthday in
17 Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the residents, schools, other educational
19 institutions and patriotic, religious, historical and veterans'
20 groups be urged to participate with any and all "Charter Day"
21 activities sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
22 Commission, the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State
23 Historical Records Advisory Board and the 23 other State
24 historic sites and museums or those offered by any of the many
25 other historical organizations within this Commonwealth; and be
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That the volunteers and other residents who keep
28 history alive through their support and work for the
29 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania
30 State Archives, the State Historical Records Advisory Board and

1 the 23 other State historic sites and museums or through the
2 numerous other historical organizations within this Commonwealth
3 be honored for their efforts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB0829 PN0906	Prepared By:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529,6061
Sponsor:	Dush	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	11/20/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Repeals and replaces the current state fossil and designates the Hynerpeton bassetti as the official state fossil of the Commonwealth.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Repeals and replaces the current state fossil and designates the Hynerpeton bassetti as the official state fossil of the Commonwealth.

Effective Date:

This legislation would take effect immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Act No. 138 of 1988](#) provides for the official state fossil.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Bill 1554 (Borowicz) is identical to SB829 (Dush).

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 829 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY DUSH AND SANTARSIERO, JUNE 6, 2025

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 6, 2025

AN ACT

1 Designating the Hynerpeton basseti, a stem tetrapod, as the
2 official State fossil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
3 and making a repeal.

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

6 Section 1. Findings and declarations.

7 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

8 (1) Hynerpeton basseti is a specific type of extinct
9 tetrapod and an early four-limbed vertebrate that resembled a
10 modern day amphibian.

11 (2) Hynerpeton, meaning "crawling animal from Hyner," is
12 unique to this Commonwealth and was discovered in 1993 at the
13 Red Hill fossil site near Hyner, Pennsylvania.

14 (3) Due to the robust structure of the shoulder girdle,
15 the Hynerpeton was thought to have very powerful muscles,
16 which aided it in walking and swimming.

17 (4) The fossilized remains of Hynerpeton basseti were
18 only found at the Red Hill fossil site, making this
19 vertebrate unique to this Commonwealth.

1 (5) Naming the Hynerpeton basseti as the official State
2 fossil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will promote
3 appreciation, education and the study of fossils in this
4 Commonwealth.

5 Section 2. Official State fossil.

6 The Hynerpeton basseti is selected, designated and adopted
7 as the official State fossil of the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania.

9 Section 3. Repeal.

10 The act of December 5, 1988 (P.L.1113, No.138), is repealed.

11 Section 4. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.



COMMITTEE DESIGNATION FORM PURSUANT TO HOUSE RULE 66(a)

HOUSE _____ DESIGNATION
(Committee Name)

On the date of _____, I hereby designate the following individual to cast my vote on any question before the committee (**check one**):

____ Representative _____, Majority Chair

____ Representative _____, Minority Chair

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

I hereby direct my vote be cast:

_____ in the same manner as the designated Chair.

_____ in the same manner as Representative _____ for as long as they remain present at the meeting. If my designee leaves the meeting, I do ____do not _____ direct that my vote be cast in the same manner as the designated Chair.

_____ on the following specified bills, amendments and resolutions:

_____ Y / N / Abstain

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Member's Name (Printed)

Member's Signature

Member's Contact Number(s) - **Required**

