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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 93 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, BARRAR, B. BOYLE, COHEN, D. COSTA,  
CUTLER, DAVIDSON, DELUCA, KORTZ, MATZIE, MCCARTER, O'BRIEN,  
READSHAW, SABATINA AND STURLA, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study  
2 the fiscal impact of electing the Insurance Commissioner of  
3 the Commonwealth by popular vote.

4 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania currently provides  
5 for the appointment of the Insurance Commissioner by the  
6 Governor; and

7 WHEREAS, The Insurance Commissioner has the ability to  
8 dramatically impact the lives of citizens through policy  
9 decisions regarding automobile, health, homeowner's and other  
10 types of insurance; and

11 WHEREAS, Many other states currently elect their Insurance  
12 Commissioner by popular vote; and

13 WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the General  
14 Assembly during past sessions to provide for the Statewide  
15 election of the Insurance Commissioner; and

16 WHEREAS, In the current legislative session, legislation has  
17 been introduced to amend the Constitution of Pennsylvania to  
18 provide for the election of the Insurance Commissioner in the

1 same election cycle as the election of the Auditor General and  
2 the State Treasurer; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Assembly and the public would benefit  
4 from having objective information in the debate to elect the  
5 Insurance Commissioner; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
7 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial  
8 impact on the Commonwealth and individual counties in providing  
9 for the election of the Insurance Commissioner in the same  
10 election cycle as the election of the Auditor General and the  
11 State Treasurer; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
13 report all findings on this matter to the General Assembly no  
14 later than six months after the adoption of this resolution.