

# Connections

## 12<sup>th</sup> May Be The One To Go

Today the Pittsburgh Tribune Review reports the 12th Congressional district of western PA may be eliminated in the redistricting overhaul currently in debate. Due to the most recent census, PA is required to eliminate a Congressional seat. Politicos have predicted that the 12<sup>th</sup> district would mostly be merged with the 4<sup>th</sup> district, currently led by Rep. Jason Altmire. In the article, Christopher Borick, a political science professor at Muhlenberg College said, "It seems very clear that the 12th district will vanish in the redistricting with its more Democratic areas being blended with the more Democratic areas of the 4th District, and its Republican-leaning regions being moved to adjacent GOP-held districts." Currently there is not legislation written so it's not officially known what the proposed redrawing will entail. The legislation could be filed as early as this week.

The 12<sup>th</sup> District seat is held by Rep. Mark Critz, who has not yet said whether or not he would run against Rep. Altmire for the predicted redistricting takes place.

## Onorato Supports DePasquale For Auditor General

House Representative Eugene DePasquale, a York Democrat, has announced he will run for PA Auditor General. Recently there have been rumors that former Democrat candidate for Governor Dan Onorato would be running for the job but he has announced that he will not run and put his support behind DePasquale. PoliticPA published this from DePasquale: "I'm excited to have Dan's support for my candidacy," he said. "Politically, it's an important endorsement because he has a large constituency across the state, certainly in the west. More importantly, with Dan's qualifications, I know he wouldn't be endorsing someone unless he thought they could do the job. It gives me even greater confidence that someone of his stature thinks I will be a great Auditor General."

## Online Companies Reminded To Collect Taxes

The Patriot News reported that the PA Secretary of Revenue Dan Meuser issued a statement to e-commerce companies regarding requirements to collect sales tax. Those companies that are required by law to collect tax have until February 1 to become licensed with the state. The Department said that a business must collect sales tax if their "place of business" includes offices, distribution houses or warehouses in Pennsylvania.

The following members have announced they will not be seeking reelection in 2012:

- Rep. Tom Creighton (R-Lancaster)
- Rep. Jennifer Mann (D-Lehigh)
- Rep. Curt Schroder (R-Chester)
- Sen. Jeff Piccola (R-Dauphin)
- Rep. Ed Staback (D-Lackawanna)
- Rep. John Evans (R-Erie)
- Rep. Scott Boyd (R-Lancaster)

NOTE: Representatives Kenyatta Johnson (D-Philadelphia), Dennis O'Brien (R-Philadelphia), Jewell Williams (D-Philadelphia), Josh Shapiro (D-Montgomery), Doug Reichley (R-Lehigh), and Chelsa Wagner (D-Allegheny) won elections in the November 2011 election and thus will be leaving the House before the 2012 election

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## Legislative Session Days 2011

<p><b>2011 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE</b>  December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14  January 3 (non-voting), 17, 18, 23, 24, 25  February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15  March 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28  April 2, 3, 4, 30  May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23  June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29</p>	<p><b>2011 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE</b>  December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14  January 3, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25  February 6, 7, 8  March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28  April 2, 3, 30  May 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 23  June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29</p>
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**\*\* Budget Hearings in the Senate & House: February 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Committee Calendar

### MONDAY - 12/5/11

#### House Children and Youth

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on child sexual abuse in PA

#### Assessment Task Force

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 3, North Office Building

Meeting being held pursuant to: HR 343 White, J Resolution re county reassessment contracting HR 344

Neuman Resolution re county's performance measure

House Health (Note HB 1977 has been added to the agenda)

11:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: SB 349 Browne Act re regulation of indoor tanning facilities HB 1960 Vulakovich Amends Prescribed Pediatric Ext. Care Ctrs Act HB 1977 Oberlander Amends Title 40 re abortion coverage

#### House Judiciary

11:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: HB 1958 Marsico Amends Titles 18, 23, 42, 44 & 61 HB 1976 Cutler Amends Title 42 re personal injury actions SB 1183 Orié Amends Titles 18/23/42/44/61 re sex offenders

#### Senate Appropriations

12:30 p.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: SB 707 Solobay Amends Title 51 re educational leave SB 730 Gordner Amends 2nd Class Twp Code re real property SB 894 Robbins Amends Second Class Twp Code re supervisors SB 1237 Pileggi Amends KOZ, KOEZ & KOIZ re job creation SB 1335 McIlhinney Amends Banking Code re use of bank names SB 1336 White, D Amends Accident & Health Filing Reform Act HB 242 Everett Amends Liquor Code re distilleries; licenses HB 344 Baker, M Act re hazardous liquids pipelines; PUC HB 639 Taylor Amends Title 53 re affordable housing programs HB 715 Hickernell Amends Local Tax Collection Law re treasurer HB 755 Gabler Amends County Code re county meeting expenses HB 1458 Tallman Amends

#### Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: HB 169 Delozier Amends Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

#### Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider certain executive nominations

### TUESDAY - 12/6/11

#### House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: HB 1926 Preston Amends Titles 15 & 66 re "public utility corp"

#### House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: SB 9 Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful U.S. presence

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## House Local Government

9:15 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [SB 1276](#) Smucker Amends County Code re county classification [SB 725](#) Gordner Amends Borough Code re elections [SB 726](#) Folmer Amends 1st Class Twp Code re elected officers

## House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

9:15 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1701](#) Cutler Amends Admin. Code re State Geospatial Council [HR 315](#) Causer Resolution re LBFC study emergency med. system

## House Human Services

10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 1651](#) DiGirolamo Amends Title 44 re Pharm. Accountability Sysm.

## House Judiciary

10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 235](#) Clymer Act re Human Trafficking Resource Ctr Hotline [HB 2016](#) Ellis Amends Titles 18 & 42 re “commercial sex” [SB 815](#) Baker, L Amends Title 42 re right to counsel [SB 817](#) Baker, L Amends Title 42 re juvenile restraint in court

## Senate Banking and Insurance

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing to receive testimony on: [SB 1339](#) White, D Amends Title 75 re financial responsibility

## Senate Education

10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider Governor’s nominee to the Philadelphia School Reform Commission Feather O’Connor Houstoun; Update on PDE teacher evaluation; and Informational briefing on: [SB 1303](#) Williams, A. Amends Public School Code re distressed schls

## Senate Judiciary

11:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

To consider: [SB 884](#) Greenleaf Amends Titles 15 and 54 re corporations [SB 903](#) Rafferty Amends Title 18 re arson & other offenses [SB 968](#) Dinniman Amends Title 18 re cruelty to animals offense [SB 1153](#) Greenleaf Amends Title 42 re jurisdiction & proceedings [SR 6](#) Greenleaf Resolution re study of capital punishment

## Senate Aging and Youth

11:00 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 210](#) Baker, M Amends Family Caregiver Support Act re reimb. [HB 1052](#) Gingrich Act est. indep. informal dispute resolution Note: HB 1052 was added to the agenda)

## Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

11:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: [SB 1302](#) Williams, A. Amends Phila City-County Consolidation Act

## House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

## WEDNESDAY - 12/7/11

## House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 5](#) Turzai Act re congressional district apportionment

## House Environmental Resources and Energy

9:15 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 193](#) Harper Act re State-owned bldgs & energy standards [HB 1813](#) Tobash Amends Surface Mining Conserv. & Reclam. Act [SB 995](#) Baker, L Amends Title 35 re 911 info at gas well sites [HR 438](#) Cruz Resolution re waste tire program in Phila.

## Senate Communications and Technology

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Public hearing to review the OIT Strategic Plan

## House Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 1232](#) Geist Amends Title 75 re liquid fuels & fuels tax [HB 1830](#) Bear Amends Title 75 re U.S. Merchant Marine plates [HB 2027](#) Cox Act re Kyle Pagerly Memorial Highway [HB 2036](#) Geist Amends Title 75 re licensing of drivers; cert.

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## House Education

10:30 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1823](#) Emrick Amends Public School Code re safe driving [HB 1971](#) Simmons Amends Public School Code re walking to school [SB 328](#) Dinniman Amends Public School Code re attendance [SB 560](#) Mensch Act re State Military College Legis Appt Prgm [SB 743](#) Rafferty Amends Public School Code re drivers ed

## House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

**THURSDAY - 12/8/11**

House Local Government, House Urban Affairs, Senate Community, Economic, and Recreational Development, Senate Local Government

9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on Act 47 of 1987, Municipalities Planning Code

## House Tourism and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on: [HB 137](#) Godshall Amends Public School Code re terms & sessions

## House Consumer Affairs

10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1580](#) Ross Amends Alt. Energy Portfolio Standards Act

**MONDAY - 12/12/11**

## Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

12:00 p.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Environmental Issues Forum with Nate Fice, program manager of the Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), will offer a presentation on the SFI program - its history, current projects, benefits and its relationship with the national SFI program.

**TUESDAY - 12/13/11**

## House Liquor Control

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 11](#) Turzai Amends Liquor Code re PLCB privatization

## House Human Services

9:30 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

Public hearing on the funding and payment policies of the Department of Public Welfare's Office of Developmental Programs

**WEDNESDAY - 12/14/11**

## House Game and Fisheries

9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Agenda to be announced

## House Finance

10:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

## House Human Services

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 272](#) Hess Act re task force on Lyme disease & related

**THURSDAY - 12/15/11**

## Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room, Harrisburg

To consider: 2795 State Board of Dentistry #16A-4616: EFDA Program Approval 2918 Department of Transportation #18- 426: Intrastate Motor Carrier Safety Requirements (Final-Omit)