

Connections

Bill To Change Electoral Votes In PA

Senator Dom Pileggi (R-Delaware) has introduced a bill that would change the way PA awards electoral votes and replace the apportioning of the votes by awarding most of them to the popular vote winner in each congressional district. Governor Corbett and House Majority Leader Mike Turzai have both expressed support for the bill. The bill is expected to move through the Senate this fall and is scheduled for a hearing in the state government committee on October 4.

Computergate Trial Begins Today

Today begins the trial of 3 individuals accused of illegally spending millions of taxpayer money on GOP election campaigns. In Dauphin county, former Rep. Brett Feese, former Speaker John Perzel's chief of staff Brian Preski and former Feese aide Jill Seaman are the defendants of the trial that the judge said could last eight weeks. They are accused of using technology to boost Republican campaigns.

State Rep Has Eyes On Altmire Seat

As reported by PoliticsPA, state Representative Jim Christiana (R-Beaver), 28, said he would consider a bid to run against U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire. He will wait until the new Congressional maps are drawn later this year to make a formal decision. Christiana was elected to the state House in 2008 and said that he believes he could be elected to Congress on the same principles that won him his seat in the House: "fiscal responsibility, bipartisanship and results-oriented."

House Back To Session Today

House reconvenes for the fall session today at 1:00 p.m.
Senate reconvenes today at 1:00 p.m.

Legislative Session Days 2011

<p>2011 HOUSE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE September 26, 27, 28 October 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 November 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14</p>	<p>2011 SENATE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE September 26, 27, 28 October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 November 1, 14, 15, 16 December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14</p>
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Committee Calendar

MONDAY - 9/26/11

Senate Appropriations

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: SB 354 Folmer Act re compliance w/ Federal REAL ID Act SB 367 White, D Act re indigenous mineral resource development SB 560 Mensch Act re State Military College Legis Appt Prgm SB 743 Rafferty Amends Public School Code re drivers ed SB 834 Eichelberger Amends Title 16 re fiscal security SB 850 Greenleaf Amends Titles 18 & 42 re cyberbullying, sexts SB 898 Tomlinson Amends Noncoal Surface Mining Act re ordinance SB 911 Brubaker Amends Taxpayer Relief Act re budget proposals

Senate Finance

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: SB 444 Earll Amends Local Option Small Games of Chance Act

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Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider certain executive nominations

TUESDAY - 9/27/11

House & Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness

9:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

Joint public hearing on possibility of establishing a State Disaster Assistance Program for communities that sustain damage that falls below federal thresholds for aid

Senate Transportation & House Transportation

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

Joint public hearing with on the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission (TFAC) Report

Senate Local Government

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

To consider: [SB 961](#) Tomlinson Amends County Code re coroner records [HB 278](#) Keller, M Amends 2nd Class Twp Code re contract bidding [HB 279](#) Keller, M Amends 1st Class Twp Code re contracts, ads [HB 280](#) Keller, M Amends 3rd Class City Code re contracts, ads [HB 281](#) Keller, M Amends Borough code re contracts, ads [HB 282](#) Keller, M Amends act re incorporated towns contracts [HB 284](#) Keller, M Amends County Code re contracts & bids [HB 286](#) Keller, M Amends Political Subdiv. Jt. Purchases Law [HB 288](#) Keller, M Amends Public Auditorium Authorities Law [HB 289](#) Keller, M Amends act re flood protection contracts, bids [HB 290](#) Keller, M Amends 2nd Class County Code re contracts [HB 291](#) Keller, M Amends Title 53 re contract bidding [HB 292](#) Keller, M Amends Title 53 re parking authority bidding [HB 294](#) Keller, M Amends Title 53 re municipal authority bidding [HB 755](#) Gabler Amends County Code re county meeting expenses [HB 1644](#) Dunbar Amends County Code re contracts & sales

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure

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

To consider: [SB 628](#) Browne Amends Acupuncture Reg. Act re liability ins. [HB 10](#) Turzai Amends Second Class County Port Authority Act [HB 816](#) Grove Amends Social Wkrs, Marriage, Prof. Counselors [HB 1054](#) Mustio Amends Engineer, Land Surveyor & Geologist Reg

Senate Judiciary

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

To consider: [SB 397](#) White, M Amends Title 42 re death sentence imposition [SB 775](#) Pileggi Amends Title 44 re DNA data and testing [SB 1220](#) Solobay Amends Title 18 re criminal record expungement

Senate Law and Justice

12:00 p.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Hearing on the nomination of Joseph E. Brion to the Liquor Control Board

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

House State Government

Off the Floor, Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 1349](#) Pickett Amends Regulatory Review Act re leg. Intent

WEDNESDAY - 9/28/11

Senate Transportation & House Transportation

9:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Joint public hearing on the Governor's Transportation Funding Advisory Commission (TFAC) Report

Senate Public Health and Welfare

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Meeting for a review of the past payment practices of the Office of Developmental Programs

House Aging and Older Adult Services

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

Informational meeting on: [HB 1720](#) Hennessey Amends Title 20 re uniform adult guardianship

House State Government

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Informational meeting on: [HB 858](#) Metcalfe Act prohibiting employment of illegal aliens [HB 799](#) Creighton Act re Commonwealth & US Dept. of Justice [HB 798](#) Creighton Amends Title 18 re immigration status; records [HB 439](#) Mustio Act re employing illegal aliens; sanctions [HB 809](#) Perry Act re verification of lawful presence in US [HB 355](#) Readshaw Amends Admin. Code re immigration matters [HB 865](#) Knowles Amends Title 42 re unauthorized aliens [HB 810](#) Perry Act re financial penalties on municipalities [HB 738](#) Metcalfe Act re safe neighborhoods [HB 856](#) Kauffman Amends Title 18 re smuggling of human beings [HB 857](#) Metcalfe Act re Commonwealth Citizenship Act [HB 474](#) Cox Act re Interstate Compact on Birth Certificate [HB 801](#) Creighton Act re law enforcement; immigration status [HB 41](#) Marsico Act re identification of lawful presence in US [SB 9](#) Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful U.S. presence

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Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

9:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: SB 887 Browne Amends Landlord & Tenant Act re abandoned prop SB 920 Browne Act re carbon monoxide alarm standards SR 165 Fontana Resolution re LIHEAP HB 639 Taylor Amends Title 53 re affordable housing programs

House Environmental Resources and Energy

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

Informational meeting for members to meet DCNR Secretary Richard Allan and to provide Secretary Allan an opportunity to share his views on the future policy, programs and direction of the department

House Professional Licensure

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

To consider: Reg. 16A-48 Reg. 16A-54 Reg. 16A-5511 Reg. 16A-4931 Reg. 16A-5724

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

Senate Finance

1:30 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on the current status of Pennsylvania's public pension funds

THURSDAY - 9/29/11

House Republican Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Bucks County, Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown

Public hearing on the impact of Marcellus Shale on communities and the environment around the Commonwealth

MONDAY - 10/3/11

House Human Services

12:00 p.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: HB 1651 DiGirolamo Amends Title 44 re Pharm. Accountability Sysm.

TUESDAY - 10/4/11

House Aging and Older Adult Services

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

Public hearing on: HB 1052 Gingrich Act est. indep. informal dispute resolution

House Tourism and Recreational Development

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

Informational meeting on bicycling and the impact of transportation tourism in Pennsylvania

Senate Urban Affairs and Housing (Agenda updated)

9:30 a.m., PA College of Technology, Professional Development Center, Mountain Laurel Room, 1 College Avenue, Williamsport

Public hearing to discuss the impact on housing in Lycoming County as a result of Marcellus Shale drilling and severe flooding caused by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Iren

Senate State Government

11:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on the issue of Electoral College reform

WEDNESDAY - 10/5/11

House Gaming Oversight

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

Public hearing on gaming reform

House Insurance

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

Public hearing on The Health Insurance Exchanges

House Professional Licensure

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

Public hearing on bills relating to cosmetology, and: HB 1571 Gibbons Amends Cosmetology Law re booth rental prohib.

THURSDAY - 10/6/11

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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

To consider the following Regulations: 2906 Department of Transportation #18-422: Odometer Reading Disclosure Statements (Final-Omit) 2885 Philadelphia Parking Authority #126-1: Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulations

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FRIDAY - 10/7/11

Senate Game and Fisheries

10:00 a.m., Whitetail Gold Resort, 11573 Blairs Valley Road, Mercersburg

Public hearing regarding the PA Game Commission's Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas (WPRA), the implementation and administration of the Wild Pheasant Conservation Enhancement Program (CREP) and an overview of the Commission's Quail Management Program

WEDNESDAY - 10/12/11

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Temple University, Sullivan Hall-Feinstone Lounge, 1330 W. Polett Walk, Philadelphia

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act and other various topics

House Finance

1:45 p.m., County Airport, 205 A Airport Road, Washington

Public hearing on: [HB 1100](#) Daley Amends Tax Reform Code re sales & use tax [HB 940](#) Perry Amends Tax Reform Code re sales & use tax (House Transportation Committee members have also been invited to attend)

THURSDAY - 10/13/11

Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on legislation affecting the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

Senate Appropriations

1:00 p.m., Lincoln University, International Cultural Center, 1570 Baltimore Pike, Lincoln University

Public hearing on the impact of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Appropriation Act and other various topics

MONDAY - 10/17/11

House Gaming Oversight

11:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Voting meeting - Agenda to be announced

Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

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

Environmental Issues Forum - Reclamere, data security experts from Tyrone, PA will offer a presentation on electronic recycling and data security, to include discussion of compliant recycling of IT equipment, on and off-site data destruction, and how to properly deal with IT data security. The presenter will be Reclamere vice-president and co-founder Joseph Harford.

TUESDAY - 10/18/11

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure & Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

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

Joint hearing on storm related issues concerning utility services

WEDNESDAY - 10/19/11

Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing to receive testimony from Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis on results of PDE investigation and analysis of 2009 PSSA testing anomalies

THURSDAY - 10/20/11

House Gaming Oversight

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

Public hearing on topic to be announced

TUESDAY - 10/25/11

House Gaming Oversight

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

Voting meeting - Agenda to be announced

Senate Game and Fisheries

12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider: [SB 1037](#) Browne Amends Title 34 re authorized agents [SB 1049](#) Kasunic Amends Title 30 re license & permit issuance [SB 1066](#) Alloway Amends Title 34 re hunting on private property [HB 735](#) Gillespie Amends Title 34 re unlawful acts; licenses [HB 860](#) Kula Amends Title 34 re hunting under the influence

WEDNESDAY - 10/26/11

Senate Public Health and Welfare

9:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing concerning navigating possible changes in the western Pennsylvania health care delivery system