

The PA General Assembly

an overview...



Pennsylvania is one of only two states with a split legislature – creating gridlock and prohibiting the passage of legislation.

Current House 102(D)/101(R). Current Senate 23(D)/27(R)

- PA lawmakers introduce 1000's of bills each term.
- Bills passed in one chamber are often ignored by the other.
- Last year, less than 5% (65) were passed by both chambers and sent to the governor – the lowest in a decade.
- Approximately 1/3-1/2 (20-35) of those are considered to be “garbage” bills (ceremonial or symbolic, clean-ups with no policy change, hyper local or private in nature).

The disconnect in the PA General Assembly has left Pennsylvanians without meaningful legislation on issues such as:

- Health Care
- Reproductive Freedom
- Gun Safety
- Minimum Wage
- Affordable Housing
- Marriage Equality
- Public Transportation
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Education Funding
- Cyber Charter Reform
- Immigration
- Environment

Did you know?

- PA is one of only 10 states that have full time legislators and the largest with 253 members.
- Rank-and-file members earn \$113,000/yr, and leadership earns \$170,000 or more (the national average is \$48,000) + mileage, per diem reimbursements, and generous pensions.
- They receive COLA's each year, since 1995.
- Approximately 50 days a year are spent in the capital meeting or voting.
- When not formally in-session they should be working in committee, meeting with constituents, preparing legislation, and dealing with oversight – BUT ARE THEY?

HARRISBURG IS BROKEN

- A nationwide analysis of state legislatures found that Pennsylvania had one of the least efficient state legislatures in the country last year.
- The deep partisan divide and the concentration of power within legislative leaders play a major role.
- For four consecutive terms budget impasses wasted valuable legislative time and resources.

LET'S DO THIS
Together, we can re-elect
the Governor, expand the
PA House, and flip the
PA senate!
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