

Roadmap to Reform

The coalition of organizations seeking to improve state government has endorsed the following priorities as a “Roadmap for Reform” in 2006. We expect to see these priorities enacted between now and Election Day.

**Common Cause Pennsylvania
Commonwealth Foundation
Democracy Rising PA
League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania
PA Citizens for Legislator Accountability
PA Council of Churches
Rock the Capital
Stop the Illegal Pay Raise, Inc.
Young Conservatives of Pennsylvania**

Transparency

Lobbyist Control

- Ban gifts and entertainment
- Quarterly reporting for lobbyists with expenses greater than \$2,500 per quarter
- Restoration of reporting requirements that were modified in the House.

Over by October

- End session on or before October 1 by joint resolution
- Propose an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit lame-duck session

Open Records

- Require the General Assembly and each of its members to comply fully with existing law to the same degree and in the same detail as required of executive agencies
- Require the judicial branch to comply with the Open Records Law
- Assign a legislative body the immediate task of re-writing existing law to give Pennsylvania the highest standards of integrity and openness in America for public access to government documents

Legislator Voting Records

- All votes by individual legislator – including committee votes, procedural votes and votes on amendment and final passage – must be posted online within 24 hours with links to the language actually voted upon and the final outcome of the vote

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Citizen Opportunity Period (COP)

- Require a waiting period of at least 72 hours, preferably two weeks, between final amendment and final passage of all legislation in each chamber

Perks

- Provide a monthly, online accounting for each legislator detailing the cost of all salary, benefits and expenses paid during the previous month
- Permit per diems for actual expenses only as documented by detailed vouchers that are open to public inspection via the Internet
- Prohibit all forms of unvouchered expenses
- Adjust health care insurance benefits for lawmakers so that they are consistent with current private sector practices for ordinary workers

Competition

Campaign Finance

- Prohibit fundraisers while the Legislature is in session.
- Require public reporting of campaign donations one week *prior* to the primary and general election.

Reapportionment

- Enact a requirement for legislative districts to be as politically competitive as possible (in addition to existing requirements)

Elections

- Amend election laws so that they level the playing field for all citizens who want to run for public office regardless of party affiliation

Comprehensive Constitutional Change

General Constitutional Convention

- Authorize a general constitutional convention at which all sections of the Constitution are available for amendment and to which all interested citizens have an equal opportunity to become delegates