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Reducing the Size of the State Legislature

By Senator Lisa Boscola

With 253 members, Pennsylvania has the largest full-time state legislature in the country

Did you know that Pennsylvania currently has the largest full-time state legislature in the nation? While the importance of strong constituent representation cannot be overstated, the size and cost of our legislature has become unsustainable and outdated for the needs of a modern and efficient government.

chamberThis Session, I re- introduced SB1011 – calling for the reduction of Pennsylvania's General Assembly. Under my proposal, the House of Representatives would decrease from 203 members to 101 members, and the Senate would decrease from 50 members to 38 members. However, I have not received positive feedback from other representatives about whether they would support this – 'no's' across the board.

Currently in the Commonwealth, we are outdated. We can downsize. We can modernize. With a smaller legislature, we can rely on modern tools to assist and communicate with constituents as there are many avenues to do so with social media, email, virtual townhalls, to name a few, even with larger districts.

Shrinking the size of the legislature will simply make us more effective (and cost taxpayers less!) Currently there are too many members weighing in on everything and you can't get a consensus building – take this year's budget impasse as a great example.

Beyond the fiscal and procedural benefits, this reform is a direct response to what we continue to hear from voters across the Commonwealth. Pennsylvanians have repeatedly expressed their desire for a smaller, more efficient, and more accountable legislature. This legislation offers a real opportunity to deliver on that expectation.

If this bill is approved by the legislature, it would appear on the ballot as a voter referendum. If passed, the new districts would be drawn using data from the 2030 census and reducing the size of the legislature is a great remedy against gerrymandering polarization.





Beam Signing of the ArtsQuest Creative Factory

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Last week, I had the pleasure of joining ArtsQuest President & CEO Kassie Hilgert to celebrate the Beam Signing of the ArtsQuest Creative Factory powered by PPL Corporation.

We are a community with a history of creative decision-making to make the Lehigh Valley a great place to live. ArtsQuest itself has proven this time and again.

And it is through that creative decision-making that we have transformed Southside Bethlehem from a community known for producing steel to a thriving community known for the arts and for education.