



## **Finding Legislators' Names, Contact Info, and Committee Membership**

First, go to the PA General Assembly website at [www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us).

### For the names, contact info, or committee assignments for your legislators

- Go to the top right corner of the screen, a section headed “Find Members By.”
- You can search by either zip code or county.
- The search will pull up a list of all the legislators for your area; each member’s name is a link to her or his individual page, which lists further information about each one, including contact info and committee membership.

### To get a list of all legislators on a certain committee:

- From the General Assembly website listed above ([www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us)), click on the tab for either “Senate” or “House.”
- Then click on the link for “Standing Committees,” which brings up a list of all the regular committees that meet each session (e.g., Appropriations, Judiciary, Transportation, etc.).
- Click on the name of the committee you’re looking for, and it will bring up a list of all the members of that committee, with each member’s name as a link that you can click on for further information about how to contact that member.
- Committee members’ names are listed under “Majority” and “Minority” party. Currently, the Democrats are the majority party in the House, and the Republicans are the majority party in the Senate.
- Each committee has its own internal leadership. On Senate Committees, there is usually a Chair, Vice Chair, and Minority Chair. On House Committees, there is usually a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary; if the committee has subcommittees, there will be a Chair of each Subcommittee, as well. All of these titles are specified on the list of committee members.

### To get the text of a bill or to find out which legislators have signed on as sponsors to a bill:

- At the General Assembly website listed above ([www.legis.state.pa.us](http://www.legis.state.pa.us)), go to the top right corner of the screen, a section headed “Find Legislation By” (this is right next to the “Find Members By” section).
- Click on the button next to “Bill #.”
- Type in the bill number, beginning with “H” if the bill is in the House, or “S” if the bill is in the Senate, then click on “Go.”
- A screen will come up that says “Bill Information” at the top, with various links in it.
- The link “Bill History” will show the most current list of co-sponsors, as well as the last action taken on a bill (for example, the date the bill was referred to a certain committee).

- To get the full text of the bill, click on the link “As Printed (PDF).” (The other option, “Text,” gives all the text of the bill but is not paginated so it is harder to read and refer to. Use the “As Printed (PDF)” link instead.)
  - On the Bill Information page, it will list the current “PN,” or Printer Number, of the bill. Each time a bill is amended, it gets a new Printer Number.
  - Bills use different font formats and symbols to indicate whether text is added or deleted, whether the bill proposes to change an existing statute or add a new section to it, etc. For a guide to how to decipher what the different font formats mean, click on the link “How To Read a Bill.”