
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 159 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GRELL, SABATINA, MARSICO, CALTAGIRONE, STEPHENS,
CUTLER, O'BRIEN, BARRAR, MUSTIO, KORTZ, O'NEILL, NEILSON,
AUMENT, SAYLOR, KRIEGER, KAUFFMAN, TOEPEL, CARROLL, LAWRENCE,
M. K. KELLER, MILLER, REED, C. HARRIS, EVERETT, DENLINGER,
REGAN, ELLIS, KILLION, SONNEY, ROAE, DELOZIER, SACCONE,
VEREB, STERN, HELM, BLOOM, BAKER, TOBASH, ADOLPH, PAYNE, ROSS
AND HESS, MARCH 14, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 14, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Appointing a committee and empowering it to make investigation.

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the General
3 Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Judiciary
4 Committee is authorized to investigate the conduct of the
5 Honorable Joan Orie Melvin, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court,
6 to determine whether Joan Orie Melvin is liable to impeachment
7 for misbehavior in office and to report to the House the
8 conclusions of the committee in respect to the investigation and
9 determination with its appropriate recommendations; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee shall designate the
12 Subcommittee on Courts to take testimony, review documents or
13 other materials and interview witnesses for the use of the
14 Judiciary Committee. The Subcommittee on Courts is authorized
15 and empowered to:

1 (1) make recommendations to the Judiciary Committee and
2 in the performance of its duties;

3 (2) send for persons and papers and subpoena witnesses,
4 documents, and other materials under the seal of the
5 Subcommittee Chairman;

6 (3) administer oaths to witnesses;

7 (4) take testimony; and

8 (5) prepare and file pleadings and other legal
9 documents;

10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That upon receipt of the recommendations of the
12 Subcommittee on Courts, the Judiciary Committee is authorized
13 and empowered to:

14 (1) send for persons and papers and subpoena witnesses,
15 documents and other materials under the hand and seal of the
16 chairman;

17 (2) administer oaths to witnesses;

18 (3) take testimony;

19 (4) prepare and file pleadings and other legal
20 documents; and

21 (5) employ staff;

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a sergeant-at-arms or his deputy shall serve
24 the process of the Judiciary Committee and Subcommittee on
25 Courts and execute its orders. The Judiciary Committee and
26 Subcommittee on Courts are authorized to sit during the sessions
27 of this House. The expenses of the investigation shall be paid
28 out of an appropriate account of the Chief Clerk, except that if
29 any staff expenses or compensation are to be paid by the Chief
30 Clerk, the approval of the Bipartisan Management Committee shall

1 be required.