

Pennsylvania Civil Rights Initiative: Report on the Senate February 2003

One Million Plus People With No Statutory Civil Rights and Education Rights

Q/A: Of 50 Pennsylvania Senators, **who will introduce** the Initiative bills **now** to enable debate and adoption of the 1996-7 proposed amendments to the PA Human Relations Act (A1 priority), adding the category "education" to employment, housing, and public accommodations, and adding the categories "sexual orientation and gender identity or expression," to race, gender, religion, etc. (Bills at: www.plgtf.org)

Answer: Join the Rainbow Campaign. Chat with your Senator (and Rep if you can) **weekly until its over:**
Legislator Contact Info: 717-787-5920 and 717-787-2372 AND www.vote-smart.org

Q/A: How many Senators of the **26** needed have agreed, *verbally*, to support the bills? **Answer: Eight current** but none will introduce. In June 2002, Senator Hughes' attempt was squashed.

The Message: *The Pennsylvania Civil Rights Initiative proposed amendments to the Human Relations Act must be introduced and adopted now. Hate crime laws do not give us our rights! No more delays!*

District	Democrats/Home Office	District	Republican/Home Office
38 ✓ ✗	Bodack, Pittsburgh (Aid) retired 2003	13 ✓	Gibson Armstrong, Lancaster
18 ✓ ✗	Lisa Boscola. Bethlehem	9 ✓	Clarence Bell. Media (deceased)
43 ✓	Jay Costa. Pittsburgh	48	David Brightbill. Lebanon *
1 ✓	Vincent Fumo. Philadelphia * (92)	10	Joe Conti. Doylestown *
7 ✓ ✗	Vincent Hughes. Philadelphia	34	Jake Corman. Bellefonte
32	Richard Kasunic. Dunbar *	16	Charles Dent. Allentown
3 ✓ ✗	Shirley Kitchen. Philadelphia	49 ✓	Jane Earll. Erie (NO)
39 ✓ ✗	Allen Kukovich. N. Huntingdon * *	44	James Gerlach. Glenmore (gone)
47 ✓	Gerald Lavalley. Rochester	12 ✓	Stewart Greenleaf. Willow Grove
45 ✓	Sean Logan. Monroeville (New)	27	Edward Helfrick. Mt.Carmel
22 ✓	Robert Mellow. Peckville * (Aid)	24	Edwin Holl. Lansdale (retired)
14 ✓	Raphael Musto. Pittston *	30 ✓	Robert Jubelirer. Altoona *
11 ✓	Michael O'Pake. Reading * (Aid)	20	Charles Lemmond. Dallas
4 ✓ ✗	Allyson Schwartz. Philadelphia	23	Roger Madigan. Williamsport
5 ✓	Michael Stack. Philadelphia	31	Harold Mowery. Lemoyne
46 ✓	Barry Stout. EightyFour *	37	Timothy Murphy. Pittsburgh (gone)
2 ✓	Christine Tartaglione. Phila. (NO)	40	Jane Orié. Pittsburgh (MIA)
42 ✓ ✗	Jack Wagner. Pittsburgh * (Aid)	15 ✓	Jeffrey Piccola. Elizbethville * (No)
8 ✓ ✗	Anthony Hardy Williams. Phila.	33	Terry Punt. Chambersburg
17 ✓ ✗	Constance Williams. K of P	29	James Rhoades. Mahanoy City
35 ✓	John Wozniak. Johnstown	50	Robert Robbins. Greenville *
New Legislators January 2003		25	Joseph Scarnati. Warren
38	Jim Furlough (D)	19	Robert Thompson. W.Chester
09	Dominic F. Pileggi [R]	6	Robert Tomlinson. Bensalem
24	Robert Wonderling [R]	28	Michael Waugh. York
37	Special Election March 11	36	Noah Wenger. Ephrata *
44	John C. Rafferty [R]	41	Donald White. Kittanning *
		21	Mary Jo White. Franklin

✓ = Of **all** Senators asked to meet, these Senators did. ✗ =Of **all** Senators *repeatedly* asked, these gave verbal support for the Initiative. **MIA** = Missed scheduled meeting. * Leader Position - Will not convene Leaders' meeting. ** Kukovich delays introduction again (Spring 1998 & 2002). Please see the Initiative History: 1996-2002 for a brief summary of this struggle for basic statutory civil rights and basic statutory education rights.

♥Please *send your contributions today to:* Pennsylvania Lesbian and Gay Task Force. Mail: Friends Center.

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