

House State Government Committee Voting Meeting
Room 523 Irvis Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120
May 05, 2026
10:00 AM

Agenda

House Bill 497 (WEBSTER) An Act amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, providing for corporate political contributions; and imposing penalties. Stopping foreign interference in elections.

House Resolution 463 (MALAGARI) A Resolution recognizing June 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the first naturalization of a Korean-American citizen in 1890.

House Resolution 490 (HILL-EVANS) A Resolution designating June 2, 2026, as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

House Resolution 503 (BRENNAN) A Resolution recognizing the week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as "Public Works Week" in Pennsylvania.

And any other business that comes before the Committee

Adjournment

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- HB497 PN486 WEBSTER- Amending the PA Election Code providing for corporate political contributions; and imposing penalties
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- HR463 PN3127 MALAGARI- June 19 2026 as Korean-American Citizenship Day in PA
- HR490 PN3259 HILL-EVANS- Analysis
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- HR503 PN3312 BRENNAN-HILL-EVANS- MAY 17-23 2026 PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN PA
- Committee Vote by Designation
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0497 PN0486	Prepared By:	Matt Hurlburt (717) 787-8529,6778
Committee:	State Government	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Sponsor:	Webster, Joe		
Date:	2/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Prohibits a foreign-influenced corporation from making:

- an expenditure to promote or defeat the candidacy of an individual for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office.
- contributions or expenditures to promote or defeat a ballot question or to support or oppose a question for placement on the ballot.
- a contribution to a candidate for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office or to a candidate's political committee.
- a contribution to a political party, political body, State committee or political committee.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Act No. 32, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code, to add an article that addresses corporate political contributions as follows:

Foreign-influenced corporations

"Foreign-influenced corporation" would be defined as:

A corporation for which at least one of the following conditions is met:

- a single foreign investor holds, owns, controls or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of 1% or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation;
- two or more foreign investors in aggregate hold, own, control or otherwise have direct or indirect beneficial ownership of 5% or more of the total equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units or other applicable ownership interests of the corporation; or
- a foreign investor participates directly or indirectly in the corporation's decision-making process with respect to the corporation's political activities in the United States.

The calculation of a person's ownership interest would exclude any portion of the person's direct or indirect beneficial ownership of equity, outstanding voting shares, membership units or otherwise applicable ownership interests of a corporation that are held or owned in a mutual fund based in the United States.

A foreign-influenced corporation could not make:

- an expenditure, or offer or agree to make an expenditure, to promote or defeat the candidacy of an individual for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office.
- contributions or expenditures to promote or defeat a ballot question or to support or oppose a question for placement on the ballot.
- a contribution to a candidate for nomination, election, or appointment to a public office or to a candidate's political committee.
- a contribution to a political party, political body, State committee or political committee.

A foreign-influenced corporation could not make a contribution or donation to any other person with the express or implied condition that the contribution or donation, or any part of it, be

used for any of the purposes prohibited by this legislation.

This provision would not prohibit donations to an association for its general purposes, such that the funds qualify as general treasury money, nor would it impose any additional limitations on the use of the funds.

Certification of compliance

A corporation that makes a contribution or expenditure would be required to submit a certification to the Department of State that the corporation was not a foreign-influenced corporation as of the date the contribution or expenditure was made. The certification would be required to be submitted within seven business days after the contribution or expenditure is made and be signed by the corporation's chief executive officer after reasonable inquiry under penalty of perjury. If the activity requiring certification was a contribution to a political committee or political action committee that makes independent expenditures, the corporation would be required to additionally provide a copy of the certification to that committee. For purposes of the certification, the corporation would be required to use due diligence to ascertain beneficial ownership if it is registered on a national securities exchange, as provided under federal law. The corporation would be required to provide a copy of the statement of certification to any candidate or committee to which it contributes and, upon request of the recipient, to any other person to which it contributes.

News media

This legislation would not prohibit publication or broadcasting of news items or editorial comments by the news media.

Penalty for individuals

Civil penalty. --An officer, manager, stockholder, member, agent, employee, attorney, or other representative of a corporation acting on behalf of the corporation who violates this legislation would be subject to a civil penalty of up to 10 times the amount of the violation, but in no case more than \$10,000, imposed by the Department of State.

Fine and imprisonment. --An officer, manager, stockholder, member, agent, employee, attorney, or other representative of a corporation acting on behalf of the corporation who is convicted of knowingly violating this legislation would be subject to a fine of not more than \$20,000, or imprisonment for a term of not more than five years, or both.

Penalty for corporations

Civil penalty. --A corporation that violates this legislation would be subject to a civil penalty of up to 10 times the amount of the violation, but in no case more than \$10,000, imposed by the court or Department of State.

Fines and other penalties. --A corporation convicted of knowingly violating this legislation would be subject to a fine of not more than \$40,000. A convicted domestic corporation could be dissolved as well as fined. If a foreign or nonresident corporation were to be convicted, in addition to the fine, the corporation's right to do business in the Commonwealth could be declared forfeited.

Knowing violations

An individual or a corporation knowingly violates this legislation if, at the time of a transaction, the individual or the corporation knew that:

- the transaction causing the violation constituted a contribution; and
- the contributor was a foreign-influenced corporation subject to the prohibitions in this bill.

Permitted activity

It would not be a violation for:

- A political party or political body to form a nonprofit corporation for the sole purpose of holding real property to be used exclusively as the party's headquarters.
- A corporation to contribute to or conduct public media projects to encourage individuals to register to vote or vote if the projects are not controlled by or operated for the advantage of a candidate, political party, political body, or political committee.
- A corporation to provide meeting facilities to a political committee, political party, political body, or candidate on a nondiscriminatory and non-preferential basis.
- A corporation selling products or services to the public to post on its public premises messages that promote participation, voter registration or elections if the messages are not controlled by or operated for the advantage of a candidate, political party, political body, or political committee.

Aiding violation

An individual who aids, abets, or advises a violation of this article commits a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, would be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

A director, officer, agent, or employee of a corporation or unincorporated association who aids, abets or advises a violation of this legislation commits a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, would be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or to undergo a term of imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Prosecutions, jurisdiction, and venue

The Attorney General would have prosecutorial jurisdiction over all violations committed under this legislation.

The district attorney of any county in which a violation occurs would have concurrent powers and responsibilities with the Attorney General over violations.

Violations of this legislation could be prosecuted in the county where the payment or contribution was made, where services were rendered or where money was paid or distributed.

Effective Date:

This legislation could take effect in 60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Section 1633 of Act No. 32, known as the Pennsylvania Election Code](#), prohibits any National or State bank, or any corporation, incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania or any other state or any foreign country or any unincorporated association, except those corporations formed primarily for political purposes or as a political committee, to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with the election of any candidate or for any political purpose except in connection with any question to be voted on by the electors of the Commonwealth. It also prohibits any candidate, political committee, or other person to knowingly accept or receive any contribution, or for any officer or any director of any corporation, bank, or any unincorporated association to consent to any contribution or expenditure by the corporation, bank or unincorporated association prohibited by this section.

The law does prohibit direct private communications by a corporation to its stockholders and their families or by an unincorporated association to its members and their families on any subject; nonpartisan registration and get-out-vote campaigns by a corporation aimed at its stockholders and their families or by an unincorporated association aimed at its members and their families; and the establishment, and administration by a corporation or an unincorporated association of a separate segregated fund which fund is to be created by voluntary individual contributions, including those solicited by the corporation or unincorporated association and to be utilized for political purposes, provided that any such separate segregated fund is deemed to be a political committee for purposes of this article.

No contribution from a partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company could be made from funds of any partner, limited partner or member that is a corporation. A limited liability company that makes a contribution is required to affirm to the recipient candidate or committee that the limited liability company is treated as a partnership for Federal tax purposes and that the contribution from the limited liability company does not contain corporate funds.

[52 U.S. Code § 30121](#) prohibits a foreign national, directly or indirectly, to make:

- a contribution or donation of money or other thing of value, or to make an express or implied promise to make a contribution or donation, in connection with a Federal, State, or local election;
- a contribution or donation to a committee of a political party; or
- an expenditure, independent expenditure, or disbursement for an electioneering communication.

[Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 \(2010\)](#) The Supreme Court of the United States held that the freedom of speech clause of the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting independent expenditures for political campaigns by corporations, nonprofit organizations, labor unions, and other associations. The ruling prohibited restrictions on corporations, unions, and nonprofit organizations from independent expenditures, allowing groups to independently support political candidates with financial resources.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

House Bill 2433 (Webster) had final passage in the House of Representatives on July 1, 2024, with a vote of 126 to 76. It was referred to the Senate State Government Committee on July 12, 2024. The bill received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 497 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, OTTEN, HILL-EVANS, PROBST, PIELLI, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, NEILSON, BOYD AND D. WILLIAMS, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), entitled
 2 "An act concerning elections, including general, municipal,
 3 special and primary elections, the nomination of candidates,
 4 primary and election expenses and election contests; creating
 5 and defining membership of county boards of elections;
 6 imposing duties upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth,
 7 courts, county boards of elections, county commissioners;
 8 imposing penalties for violation of the act, and codifying,
 9 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
 10 repealing certain acts and parts of acts relating to
 11 elections," providing for corporate political contributions;
 12 and imposing penalties.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known
 16 as the Pennsylvania Election Code, is amended by adding an
 17 article to read:

18 ARTICLE XVI-B

19 CORPORATE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

20 Section 1601-B. Definitions.

21 The following words and phrases when used in this article
 22 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
 23 context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Association." A group of two or more persons, who are not
2 all members of an immediate family, acting in concert.

3 "Chief executive officer." The highest-ranking officer or
4 decision-making individual with authority over a corporation's
5 affairs.

6 "Contribution." An expenditure to promote or defeat the
7 election or nomination of a candidate to a political office that
8 is made with the authorization or expressed or implied consent
9 of, in cooperation or in concert with or at the request or
10 suggestion of a candidate or committee established to support or
11 oppose a candidate. The term does not include an independent
12 expenditure.

13 "Corporation." The following:

14 (1) a domestic or foreign corporation for profit; or

15 (2) a domestic or foreign limited liability company

16 formed under 15 Pa.C.S. Ch. 88 (relating to limited liability
17 companies), or under similar laws of another state.

18 "Expenditure." As defined in section 1621(d).

19 "Foreign-influenced corporation." The following:

20 (1) A corporation for which at least one of the
21 following conditions is met:

22 (i) a single foreign investor holds, owns, controls
23 or otherwise has direct or indirect beneficial ownership
24 of 1% or more of the total equity, outstanding voting
25 shares, membership units or other applicable ownership
26 interests of the corporation;

27 (ii) two or more foreign investors in aggregate
28 hold, own, control or otherwise have direct or indirect
29 beneficial ownership of 5% or more of the total equity,
30 outstanding voting shares, membership units or other

1 applicable ownership interests of the corporation; or
2 (iii) a foreign investor participates directly or
3 indirectly in the corporation's decision-making process
4 with respect to the corporation's political activities in
5 the United States.

6 (2) The calculation of a person's ownership interest for
7 purposes of paragraph (1)(i) and (ii) shall exclude any
8 portion of the person's direct or indirect beneficial
9 ownership of equity, outstanding voting shares, membership
10 units or otherwise applicable ownership interests of a
11 corporation that are held or owned in a mutual fund based in
12 the United States.

13 "Foreign investor." A person that:

14 (1) holds, owns, controls or otherwise has direct or
15 indirect beneficial ownership of equity, outstanding voting
16 shares, membership units or otherwise applicable ownership
17 interests of a corporation; and

18 (2) is any of the following:

19 (i) a government of a foreign country;

20 (ii) a political party organized in a foreign
21 country;

22 (iii) a partnership, association, corporation,
23 organization or other combination of persons organized
24 under the laws of or having its principal place of
25 business in a foreign country;

26 (iv) an individual outside of the United States who
27 is not a citizen or national of the United States and who
28 is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
29 United States; or

30 (v) a corporation in which a foreign investor holds,

1 owns, controls or otherwise has directly or indirectly
2 acquired beneficial ownership of equity or voting shares
3 in an amount that is equal to or greater than 50% of the
4 total equity or outstanding voting shares.

5 "General treasury money." Money that an association
6 accumulates through membership dues and fees, donations to the
7 association for its general purposes and income from the
8 operation of a business. The term does not include money
9 collected to influence the nomination or election of candidates
10 or to promote or defeat a ballot question.

11 "Independent expenditure." As defined in section 1621(e).
12 Section 1602-B. Foreign-influenced corporations.

13 (a) Prohibition.--Notwithstanding section 1633, a foreign-
14 influenced corporation may not make:

15 (1) an expenditure, or offer or agree to make an
16 expenditure, to promote or defeat the candidacy of an
17 individual for nomination, election or appointment to a
18 public office;

19 (2) contributions or expenditures to promote or defeat a
20 ballot question or to support or oppose a question for
21 placement on the ballot;

22 (3) a contribution to a candidate for nomination,
23 election or appointment to a public office or to a
24 candidate's political committee; or

25 (4) a contribution to a political party, political body,
26 State committee or political committee.

27 (b) Other persons.--A foreign-influenced corporation may not
28 make a contribution or donation to any other person with the
29 express or implied condition that the contribution or donation,
30 or any part of the contribution or donation, be used for any of

1 the purposes prohibited by this section.

2 (c) Associations.--This section does not prohibit donations
3 to an association for its general purposes, such that the funds
4 qualify as general treasury money, nor does it impose any
5 additional limitations on the use of the funds.

6 Section 1603-B. Certification of compliance.

7 A corporation that makes a contribution or expenditure shall
8 submit a certification to the Department of State that the
9 corporation was not a foreign-influenced corporation as of the
10 date the contribution or expenditure was made. The certification
11 shall be submitted within seven business days after the
12 contribution or expenditure is made and shall be signed by the
13 corporation's chief executive officer after reasonable inquiry
14 under penalty of perjury. If the activity requiring
15 certification was a contribution to a political committee or
16 political action committee that makes independent expenditures,
17 the corporation shall additionally provide a copy of the
18 certification to that committee. For purposes of the
19 certification, the corporation shall use due diligence to
20 ascertain beneficial ownership if it is registered on a national
21 securities exchange, as provided under 17 CFR 240.13d-3
22 (relating to determination of beneficial owner) and 240.13d-5
23 (relating to acquisition of beneficial ownership). The
24 corporation shall provide a copy of the statement of
25 certification to any candidate or committee to which it
26 contributes and, upon request of the recipient, to any other
27 person to which it contributes.

28 Section 1604-B. News media.

29 This article does not prohibit publication or broadcasting of
30 news items or editorial comments by the news media.

1 Section 1605-B. Penalty for individuals.

2 (a) Civil penalty.--An officer, manager, stockholder,
3 member, agent, employee, attorney or other representative of a
4 corporation acting on behalf of the corporation who violates
5 this article shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to 10
6 times the amount of the violation, but in no case more than
7 \$10,000, imposed by the Department of State.

8 (b) Fine and imprisonment.--An officer, manager,
9 stockholder, member, agent, employee, attorney or other
10 representative of a corporation acting on behalf of the
11 corporation who is convicted of knowingly violating this article
12 is subject to a fine of not more than \$20,000, or imprisonment
13 for a term of not more than five years, or both.

14 Section 1606-B. Penalty for corporations.

15 (a) Civil penalty.--A corporation that violates this article
16 is subject to a civil penalty of up to 10 times the amount of
17 the violation, but in no case more than \$10,000, imposed by the
18 court or Department of State.

19 (b) Fines and other penalties.--A corporation convicted of
20 knowingly violating this article is subject to a fine of not
21 more than \$40,000. A convicted domestic corporation may be
22 dissolved as well as fined. If a foreign or nonresident
23 corporation is convicted, in addition to the fine, the
24 corporation's right to do business in this Commonwealth may be
25 declared forfeited.

26 Section 1607-B. Knowing violations.

27 An individual or a corporation knowingly violates this
28 article if, at the time of a transaction, the individual or the
29 corporation knew that:

30 (1) the transaction causing the violation constituted a

1 contribution; and

2 (2) the contributor was a foreign-influenced corporation
3 subject to the prohibitions of section 1602-B.

4 Section 1608-B. Permitted activity.

5 It is not a violation of this article for:

6 (1) A political party or political body to form a
7 nonprofit corporation for the sole purpose of holding real
8 property to be used exclusively as the party's headquarters.

9 (2) A corporation to contribute to or conduct public
10 media projects to encourage individuals to register to vote
11 or vote if the projects are not controlled by or operated for
12 the advantage of a candidate, political party, political body
13 or political committee.

14 (3) A corporation to provide meeting facilities to a
15 political committee, political party, political body or
16 candidate on a nondiscriminatory and nonpreferential basis.

17 (4) A corporation selling products or services to the
18 public to post on its public premises messages that promote
19 participation, voter registration or elections if the
20 messages are not controlled by or operated for the advantage
21 of a candidate, political party, political body or political
22 committee.

23 Section 1609-B. Aiding violation.

24 (a) Individuals.--An individual who aids, abets or advises a
25 violation of this article commits a misdemeanor and, upon
26 conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than
27 \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000.

28 (b) Director, officers, agents and employees.--A director,
29 officer, agent or employee of a corporation or unincorporated
30 association who aids, abets or advises a violation of this

1 article commits a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be
2 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or to undergo a
3 term of imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, in the
4 discretion of the court.

5 Section 1610-B. Prosecutions, jurisdiction and venue.

6 (a) Jurisdiction.--The Attorney General shall have
7 prosecutorial jurisdiction over all violations committed under
8 this article.

9 (b) Concurrent jurisdiction.--The district attorney of any
10 county in which a violation occurs has concurrent powers and
11 responsibilities with the Attorney General over violations.

12 (c) Venue.--Violations of this article may be prosecuted in
13 the county where the payment or contribution was made, where
14 services were rendered or where money was paid or distributed.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0463 PN3127	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529
Sponsor:	Malagari, Steve	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	3/31/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizing June 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the first naturalization of a Korean-American citizen in 1890.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to recognize June 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the first naturalization of a Korean-American citizen in 1890.

It provides the history of Dr. Philip Jaisohn, M.D., the first Korean immigrant to acquire United States citizenship and establish himself as a pioneer for Korean-American history.

It highlights the significant influence of naturalized or natural-born citizens of Korean-American heritage in all facets of American life, including politics, industry, entrepreneurship, volunteerism, the arts, and education.

As such, the resolution calls upon the House of Representatives to celebrate the 136th anniversary of the first United States citizenship granted to a Korean-American individual and recognize the invaluable contributions of Korean-Americans to the Commonwealth and the United States.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 135 (Malagari) was reported as committed from the House State Government Committee on May 6, 2025, with a vote of 25-1. No further action was taken.

2023-2024 Session:

House Resolution 149 (Malagari) was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 28, 2023, with a vote of 202-1.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 463 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, PICKETT, VENKAT, PASHINSKI, McNEILL,
HILL-EVANS, KHAN, MAYES, HANBIDGE, RIVERA, GUENST,
HOHENSTEIN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, SANCHEZ, MADDEN AND CERRATO,
MARCH 31, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 31, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day"
2 in Pennsylvania to celebrate the first naturalization of a
3 Korean-American citizen in 1890.

4 WHEREAS, The influence of naturalized or natural-born
5 citizens of Korean-American heritage may be observed in all
6 facets of American life, including politics, industry,
7 entrepreneurship, volunteerism, the arts and education; and

8 WHEREAS, On June 19, 1890, Philip Jaisohn became the first
9 Korean immigrant to acquire United States citizenship and
10 established himself as a pioneer for Korean-American history;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Jaisohn was a Korean political refugee who made
13 his home in Media, Pennsylvania, and made Philadelphia a central
14 overseas base for supporting Korean independence; and

15 WHEREAS, Inspired by the First Continental Congress and
16 Second Continental Congress of the United States held in
17 Philadelphia, Mr. Jaisohn, Syngman Rhee, the first president of

1 the Republic of Korea, and Han Kyong Jung organized the First
2 Korean Congress in Philadelphia, where they proclaimed the
3 Korean Declaration of Independence from April 14 through 16,
4 1919; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Jaisohn was a noted champion of the Korean
6 Independence Movement in America and established the Korean
7 Information Bureau to publish the Korea Review for the cause of
8 political and religious freedom in Korea and East Asia; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Jaisohn and Reverend Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins
10 founded the League of Friends of Korea that was organized in 21
11 American cities, as well as in London and Paris, with 25,000
12 members to educate the general public, the community and
13 government leaders about the aspirations of Korean people for
14 independence; and

15 WHEREAS, First-generation Korean immigrants established
16 America as a new home and naturalized to establish a new
17 homeland for their children and future generations of Korean
18 Americans; and

19 WHEREAS, The year 2026 marks the 136th anniversary of the
20 first United States citizenship granted to a Korean-American
21 individual and Korean Americans will come together on June 19 to
22 celebrate this day as "Korean-American Citizenship Day"; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Korean-American citizens live throughout the
24 United States and are part of a vibrant, growing Korean-American
25 community in the United States; and

26 WHEREAS, The Korean-American community is making important
27 contributions in distinguished career fields, including law,
28 medicine, business, education, architecture and the arts; and

29 WHEREAS, Korean Americans have made significant contributions
30 to the economic vitality and fabric of the United States and the

1 global marketplace in all facets of government, for-profit
2 business, not-for-profit business and the academic community;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Korean Americans have made history by winning
5 elections as naturalized citizens or natural-born citizens
6 throughout the country at Federal, State and local levels of
7 political office; and

8 WHEREAS, The Korean-American community has designated June
9 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" to commemorate
10 the first step of the long and prosperous journey to United
11 States citizenship of Korean Americans in the United States;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
14 19, 2026, as "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in Pennsylvania
15 to celebrate the first naturalization of a Korean-American
16 citizen in 1890; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives support the goals
18 and ideals of "Korean-American Citizenship Day" and support
19 immigrants becoming naturalized citizens and encourage active
20 civic participation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge all
22 Americans to observe "Korean-American Citizenship Day" in order
23 to celebrate naturalized Korean Americans and to have a greater
24 appreciation of their invaluable contributions to the United
25 States; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
27 recognize the 136th anniversary of the first United States
28 citizenship granted to a Korean immigrant, a resident of this
29 Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0490 PN3259	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529
Sponsor:	Hill-Evans, Carol	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	4/28/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Designates June 2, 2026, as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to designate June 2, 2026, as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"AKA Day at the Capitol" is an advocacy day that provides sorority members with an opportunity to advocate for initiatives paramount to not only Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., but black women and girls, and also strengthens the relationships with the elected officials that serve their local communities.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representatives.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session

House Resolution 198 (Hill-Evans) was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 6, 2025, with a vote of 197-6.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 490 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY HILL-EVANS, KHAN, GUZMAN, GUENST, MAYES, PROBST,
CEPHAS, SMITH-WADE-EL AND RIVERA, APRIL 22, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating June 2, 2026, as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in
2 Pennsylvania in recognition of the Alpha Kappa Alpha
3 Sorority, Inc.

4 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives applauds Alpha Kappa
5 Alpha Sorority, Inc., for their strong advocacy on issues
6 important to the future of this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is the oldest
8 Greek-letter organization established by African-American,
9 college-educated women, founded January 15, 1908, at Howard
10 University in Washington, DC; and

11 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., celebrates 118
12 years of sisterhood and service to all mankind across the nation
13 in small towns, big cities and throughout the world, as the
14 sorority has an international presence; and

15 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is currently
16 composed of 360,000 initiated members in graduate and
17 undergraduate chapters located in 12 countries, including the
18 United States, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Dubai, Germany,

1 Japan, Liberia, Nigeria, South Korea, South Africa and the
2 United States Virgin Islands; and

3 WHEREAS, Service programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
4 Inc., are centered around significant issues that affect
5 society; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Ms. Danette Anthony Reed,
7 31st International President and the CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha
8 Sorority, Inc., the 2022-2026 International Program has focused
9 on "Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood"; and

10 WHEREAS, Under the International Program, the theme "Soaring
11 to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood," sorority
12 programming includes initiatives such as Strengthen Our
13 Sisterhood, Empower Our Families, Build Our Economic Wealth,
14 Enhance Our Environment, Advocate for Social Justice and Uplift
15 Our Local Community; and

16 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., consists of 10
17 regions; and

18 WHEREAS, Members residing in eastern Pennsylvania are members
19 of the North Atlantic Region, which includes eastern
20 Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia,
21 eastern New York, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
22 New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont; and

23 WHEREAS, Members residing in western Pennsylvania are members
24 of the Great Lakes Region, which includes western Pennsylvania,
25 Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan and western New York; and

26 WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., chapters
27 throughout this Commonwealth continue to flourish through
28 members' community service involvement, social and political
29 action and scholastic achievement; and

30 WHEREAS, Program events, service projects and educational

1 workshops have expanded access to opportunities for communities
2 across the nation, this Commonwealth and abroad; and

3 WHEREAS, "AKA Day at the Capitol" is an advocacy day that
4 provides sorority members with an opportunity to advocate for
5 initiatives paramount to not only Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
6 Inc., but black women and girls and also strengthens the
7 relationships with the elected officials that serve their local
8 communities; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate June 2,
10 2026, as "AKA Day at the Capitol" in Pennsylvania in recognition
11 of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0503 PN3312	Prepared By:	Hanna Yu
Committee:	State Government		(717) 787-8529
Sponsor:	Brennan, Timothy	Executive Director:	Nicholas Himebaugh
Date:	4/29/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as "Public Works Week" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This resolution would call upon the House of Representatives to recognize the week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as "Public Works Week" in Pennsylvania and honor the contributions and accomplishments made by public works professionals across the Commonwealth and nation.

This year marks the 66th annual commemoration of "National Public Works Week" sponsored by the American Public Works Association, which continues to promote an understanding of and appreciation for the role public works projects play in sustaining economic growth and vitality.

Effective Date:

Upon adoption by the House of Representative.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

This is freestanding legislation.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2025-2026 Session:

House Resolution 212 (Brennan) was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 13, 2025, with a vote of 200-3.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 503 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY BRENNAN, HILL-EVANS, GOUGHNOUR, HARKINS, WAXMAN,
RIVERA, SAPPEY, NEILSON AND DEASY, APRIL 29, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 29, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as "Public
2 Works Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Public works professionals work behind the scenes to
4 make our communities healthier and safer and improve the overall
5 quality of life of residents in this Commonwealth and across the
6 nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Public works professionals are comprised of
8 individuals from State or local agencies and the engineers,
9 consultants, contractors, inspectors and vendors who work for
10 those agencies; and

11 WHEREAS, Public works professionals are the individuals who
12 make our quality of life better and improve the communities in
13 which we live by providing core services such as planning,
14 building, managing and operating public works systems; and

15 WHEREAS, Public works professionals are on call day and night
16 and are often the first individuals to report to the scene of an
17 emergency and among the last individuals to leave; and

18 WHEREAS, Streets, sewer systems, water systems, building

1 maintenance, wastewater treatment, solid waste collection,
2 airport operations and many other amenities and services within
3 local communities are maintained behind the scenes by public
4 works professionals; and

5 WHEREAS, These individuals' services are often needed most in
6 times of natural disasters like hurricanes and severe
7 snowstorms; and

8 WHEREAS, Public works professionals also work alongside first
9 responders like firefighters and police officers to clear
10 evacuation routes from dangerous areas or help facilitate access
11 to emergency areas for such individuals; and

12 WHEREAS, This year marks the 66th annual commemoration of
13 "National Public Works Week" sponsored by the American Public
14 Works Association, which continues to promote an understanding
15 of and appreciation for the role public works projects play in
16 sustaining economic growth and vitality; and

17 WHEREAS, The theme for "National Public Works Week" in 2026
18 is "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community"; and

19 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth recognizes the contributions of
20 public works professionals and extends sincere appreciation for
21 their commitment to excellence and efforts to improve and
22 enhance the health, safety, welfare and prosperity of the
23 Keystone State; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
25 week of May 17 through 23, 2026, as "Public Works Week" in
26 Pennsylvania; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the
28 contributions and accomplishments made by public works
29 professionals across this Commonwealth and the nation and
30 encourage all residents to give the same recognition.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 497

Sponsor: *Representative Brad Roal*

Printer's No. 486

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by inserting after "CORPORATE"
2 AND OUT-OF-STATE

3 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

4 "Out-of-State donor." The following:

5 (1) an individual not residing in this Commonwealth who
6 is a United States citizen; or

7 (2) a corporation based in the United States but not in
8 this Commonwealth.

9 Amend Bill, page 8, by inserting between lines 14 and 15

10 Section 1611-B. Out-of-State donors.

11 (a) Prohibition.--A candidate for Statewide office may not
12 accept a contribution from an out-of-State donor.

13 (b) Civil penalty.--A candidate or campaign that violates
14 this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to 10
15 times the amount of the contribution made in violation, imposed
16 by the court or the Department of State.