

*A Resolution Submitted to the Republican State Committee of
Pennsylvania At the
State Committee Meeting held on February 1, 2014*

Whereas, The Pennsylvania State Employee's Pension System currently has 47 billion dollars of unfunded liabilities; and

Whereas, Public School Districts all over the Commonwealth are doing whatever they can to keep their budgets in line by cutting costs wherever they can because of the burden of the unfunded pensions; and

Whereas, Taxpayers throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are feeling the direct effects of this monetary crisis by seeing increases in their property taxes; and

Whereas, 62 cents of every dollar that comes in Pennsylvania goes to the Public Pension Fund; and

Whereas, There are three Bills in the PA House of Representatives, sponsored by Kampf, Tobash, and Grell, and possibly more; and

Whereas, It is recognized that the pension rights of currently retired former State employees are contractually protected; and

Whereas, Since current employees may also enjoy contractually protected pension programs, implementation of a new retirement program should begin with employees hired after the new program has been enacted; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Republican Party of Pennsylvania respectfully urges that immediate action be taken by the Legislators of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and do something to begin to resolve this issue now.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman Elizabeth Hower - Adams County
Chairman Eric Matthews – Bradford County
Chairman Kurt Smith - Clinton County
Chairman Bill Toth - Columbia County
Chairman Dwight Weidman- Franklin County
Chairman Joe Kantz – Snyder County