

In accordance with its mission, PaMAGIC has been a continual proponent of a Geospatial Advisory Council representing public, private, and academic interests of all levels. Established in 1996 as an ad hoc coordinating body, PaMAGIC has developed GIS data standards, promoted coordinated data development and practiced mutual education among its members. We were one of only three (3) groups from outside state agencies to participate in the PA Geographic Information Council (PAGIC) established in 1999. Our participation in legislative hearings in 2003 and 2004 resulted in House Resolution 882 recommending Executive-level strategic planning and coordination of geospatial technologies. That resolution was the impetus for a series of legislative efforts that continually refined the concepts and development of a statewide Council.

Geo-Council Legislative History

- *HR 882 - Passed October 2004*
- *HB 2871 – introduced w/o passage 2005-06*
- *HB 1304 - introduced w/o passage 2007-08*
- *Geospatial Strategic Plan 2008-2009*
- *HB 2300 - introduced w/o passage 2009-2010*
- *HB 1701 – passed unanimously in House October 2012, failed to move in Senate*
- *HB 1285/SB 771 – Companion Bills for 2013-2014 session*
 - *HB 1285 passed House unanimously October 2013*
 - *SB 771 amended November 2013*