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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



DO YOU WANT TO HAVE ALL FUTURE PA GOVERNOR'S HANDS TIED IN A DISASTER DECLARATION?

PA SENATE BILL 2 of 2021 WILL DO JUST THAT

The PA state Senate approved a proposed constitutional amendment that will limit the length of future emergency disaster declarations unless an extension is approved by the General Assembly, PA Senate Bill 2 of 2021. Passage by both the House and Senate before Feb. 18 can ensure that it gets on Pennsylvania's May 18 primary ballot when it can go to voters for a final decision in a statewide referendum.

Governor Wolf remains opposed to the proposed constitutional amendment. He had previously said it would hinder the state's ability to respond quickly, comprehensively and effectively to a disaster

emergency, by requiring any declaration to be approved by a resolution of the legislature every three weeks.

"This would force partisan politics into the commonwealth's disaster response efforts and could slow down or halt emergency response when aid is most needed," the Governor said.

If a disaster were serious enough that the Pennsylvania General Assembly could not meet, and governor would have not known if disaster response measures would remain past the arbitrary deadline.



Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg destroyed by fire on Feb. 2, 1897. (Source unknown)