

# **Senate Republicans: State Government Reform Efforts**

## **Bills Signed Into Law:**

- SB 1, overhauling and strengthening the Right-to-Know Law. (Pileggi)
- HB 10 (as amended by the Senate), unlinking state judicial salaries from federal salaries. (language from SB 44, Piccola)

## **Bills Which Passed the Senate:**

- SB 467, increasing penalties for violating the Sunshine Law. (Armstrong)
- SB 468, eliminating sine die sessions. (Regola)
- SB 729, posting government salary information online. (Pileggi)
- SB 903, procurement reform for consulting contracts. (Orie)
- SB 986, prohibiting bonuses for Commonwealth employees. (Eichelberger)
- SB 1015, the Taxpayer-Funded Advertising Transparency Act. (Folmer)
- SB 1201, improving access to, and the information in, state plane logs. (Armstrong)
- SB 1499, requiring reporting of state vehicle use. (Folmer)

## **New Senate Rules:**

- Prohibited any robo-calls using Senate funds.
- Eliminated private leases for Senate vehicles.
- Implemented a co-pay on health insurance for senators and staff.
- Members who live within 50 miles of the Capitol cannot claim per diems.
- All roll call votes from the Senate floor are posted online within 24 hours.
- All Senate committee votes to report legislation are posted online within 48 hours.
- The Senate's *Legislative Journal* – including the full text of all floor debates – is posted online within 45 days.
- Amendments are posted online before being offered on the Senate floor.
- A six-hour waiting period is in place before the Senate votes on an amended bill or a conference committee report.
- Senate session times are limited to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.