

Pennsylvania Chronology, 1786–1788

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- 7 March Assembly committee appointed to consider Virginia's call for a commercial convention.
- 21 March Assembly authorizes Supreme Executive Council to appoint five delegates to convention at Annapolis.
- 11 April Council appoints Robert Morris, George Clymer, John Armstrong, Jr., Thomas FitzSimons, and Tench Coxe delegates to convention at Annapolis.
- 20 September Council receives report of Annapolis Convention.
- 10 October Assembly election.
- 28 October Assembly receives report of Annapolis Convention.
- 14 December Assembly submits report of Annapolis Convention to a committee.
- 21 December Independent Gazetteer publishes Virginia act of 4 December appointing delegates to convention in Philadelphia in May 1787.
- 30 December Assembly elects Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas FitzSimons, James Wilson, and Gouverneur Morris delegates to convention in May 1787.

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- 21 February Confederation Congress calls Convention at Philadelphia to amend Articles of Confederation.
- 28 March Assembly elects Benjamin Franklin to Convention.
- 4 September Assembly session begins.
- 17 September Constitutional Convention adjourns sine die.
- 18 September Constitution read in Assembly.
- 28 September Absent members prevent Assembly quorum and call for state convention.
- 29 September Absent members returned by force; quorum declared present; and state convention called. Assembly adjourns sine die.
- 9 October Assembly election.
- 22 October Assembly session begins.
- 6 November Delegates elected to state convention.
- 9 November Assembly refuses to require two-thirds quorum for state convention.
- 20 November Pennsylvania Convention meets in Philadelphia.

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December Convention rejects amendments to Constitution and votes to ratify 46 to 23.
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December Convention adjourns sine die.
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December Dissent of the Minority of Convention published.
- 26–27
December Riots and celebration of ratification at Carlisle.
- ca. 27
December Beginning of petition campaign requesting Assembly to reject Convention’s ratification of the Constitution.
- 1788
- 19 February Assembly session begins.
- 1 March Antifederalist militiamen march into Carlisle, and rioters released from prison.
Assembly receives and tables petitions signed by more than 6,000 inhabitants of
- 17–29 March Northampton, Dauphin, Bedford, Franklin, Cumberland, and Westmoreland counties requesting Assembly to reject ratification of Constitution.
- 29 March Assembly session ends.

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