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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 | <i>Independent Gazetteer</i> 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 <i>sine die</i> . |
| 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 <i>sine die</i> .
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.
12 December	Convention rejects amendments to Constitution and votes to ratify 46 to 23.
15 December	Convention adjourns <i>sine die</i> .
18 December	Dissent of the Minority of Convention published.
26–27 December	Riots and celebration of ratification at Carlisle.
c. 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.
17–29 March	Assembly receives and tables petitions signed by more than 6,000 inhabitants of Northampton, Dauphin, Bedford, Franklin, Cumberland, and Westmoreland counties requesting Assembly to reject ratification of Constitution.
29 March	Assembly session ends.

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