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ESTIMATED POPULATION OF PENNSYLVANIA- 11,900,000  
 " Gay " " " " 1,190,000

1. If Pa. gays moved to Philadelphia, 2 out of 3, of the entire population would be gay there.
2. If Pa. gays moved to next five largest cities, all of Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Erie, Allentown, and Scranton would be gay.
3. If only 1 out of 5 Pa. gays moved to Pittsburgh, that city would be entirely gay.
4. The gays of Pa. could easily populate all of the state of Maine, or several of fourteen other states.
5. We could all move to Houston, Texas and that city would be 97% Gay.
6. We could populate all of Baltimore, Maryland.
7. We could take over both Boston and Washington, D. C. (85% gay).
8. As of 5/8/76 there were 108,269 full time state employees. It could be estimated that 10,830 gay state employees were personally concerned over Pa. anti-gay legislation typified by SB 743.

The approved state budget for the state of Pennsylvania for fiscal 1975-1976 was \$6,719,487,000.00. If Gay citizens as 10% of the population contributed 10% of the monies budgeted. 10% of the budget is 617,948,700.00 dollars. If just 25% of every \$1.00 we gays contribute through taxes, fees, etc. to the state were used, we pay for yearly

1. All Pa. legislators (salaries, staff, and operational expenses) who keep us c criminals and deny us our civil rights,
2. All Pa. courts which prosecute, fine, jail, and deny us us our civil rights,
3. The entire State Police system which hassles, harasses, entraps, and arrests us.

From the State Budget:

Salaries of Senators (50)	\$ 1,500,000.00
Salaries of Representatives (203)	4,275,000.00
1 Total Operational Costs of the Legislature	36,942,000.00
2 Total Court Operational Costs	40,722,000.00
3 Total State Police Operational Costs	100,326,000.00
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TOTAL of 1,2, and 3	\$ 177,992,000.00

This represents only  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total income to the state provided by Gays.