SENATE BILL NO. 441

INTRODUCED BY MAZUREK, B. BROWN, PINSONEAULT, CRIPPEN

	IN THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 19, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 23, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 25, 1991	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 26, 1991	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.
	IN THE HOUSE
MARCH 4, 1991	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 15, 1991	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 19, 1991	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
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CONCURRED IN.

	ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REQUESTED.
APRIL 5, 1991	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED.
	IN THE HOUSE
APRIL 6, 1991	ON MOTION, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REQUESTED AND APPOINTED.
	IN THE SENATE
APRIL 24, 1991	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTED.
APRIL 25, 1991	SECOND READING, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.
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APRIL 25, 1991	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ADOPTED.
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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Judiciary</u> report that

<u>Senate Bill 441</u> (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed:

Bill Strizich, Chairman

Carried by: Rep. Toole

And, that such amendments read:

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Strike: "who" on line 6 through "state and" on line 7
Insert: "one from that part of the state that is composed of judicial districts 1 through 5, 9, 11, and 18 through 20 and one from that part of the state that is composed of judicial districts 6 through 8, 10, and 12 through 17"

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And that this Conference Committee report be adopted.

Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 441, met and considered the House Judiciary Standing Committee Report dated March 14, 1991 and we recommend that Senate Bill No. 441 (reference copy - salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 6.
Following: "TERMS;"
Insert: "LIHITING MEMBERS TO TWO TERMS;"

2. Title, line 10. Following: "AN" Insert: "EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN"

3. Page 2, line 23. Following: "to"
Insert: "(1)"

4. Page 3, line 7.
Following: "terms."
Insert: "(2) A member may not serve more than two full 4-year
terms."

5. Page 6.
Following: line 1
Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Coordination instruction. If
House Bill No. 934 is passed and approved, then the phrase
"18 through 20" in the amendment inserted by [section 1 of this act] is changed to "18 through 21"."

Renumber: subsequent section

6. Page 6.
Following: line 4
Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 8. Effective date. [Section 6]
 is effective January 1, 1993."

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2	INTRODUCED BY MAZUREK, B. BROWN, PINSONEAULT, CRIPPEN
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24 (a) four lay members who are neither judges nor
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- 1 geographical areas of the state, and each of whom is
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 - profession, whether actively so engaged or retired, who
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