

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 131
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Mcomber* *Laffin* *Etchert*
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THIRD READING

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March 15, 1977

HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE
AMENDMENTS TO SB 131, THIRD READING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend page 1, section 1, line 15.

Following: "and"

Strike: "on the third Saturday in April"

Insert: "within 40 days"

2. Amend page 1, section 1, line 21.

Following: "begin"

Strike: "on the third Saturday in April"

Insert: "on the date of the organizational meeting"

AS AMENDED
CONCURRED IN

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