

1 *House* BILL NO. *263*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Walter Hunsicker Daniel*  
 3 *M. Kottke*

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SECOND READING

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*John Frederick Daniel*  
*M. Kittick*

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March 21, 1975

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 263

That House Bill No. 263, third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 1, section 1, lines 15 through 18.

Following: "office."

Strike: "Any business, bill, or resolution pending at adjournment of a session shall carry over with the same status to any other session of the legislature during the biennium"

Insert: "Introduction of bills and joint resolutions shall be restricted to the first session held in any biennium. Each house of the legislature shall transmit all bills and joint resolutions which originated in that house to the other house by the sixtieth (60th) day of the first session. Any bill or joint resolution not transmitted to the other house by the sixtieth (60th) day shall receive no further consideration during that biennium. If allowed by an affirmative roll call vote of three-fifths (3/5) of all the members of the house in question, a bill or a joint resolution may be introduced during the second session of a biennium"

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