

CHAPTER NO. 404.

SENATE BILL NO. 395

INTRODUCED BY S. BROWN

BY REQUEST OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CAMPAIGN FINANCES  
AND PRACTICES

IN THE SENATE

February 7, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 9, 1979	Rereferred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 20, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 21, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 22, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 23, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE HOUSE

February 27, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 6, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 7, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 9, 1979	On motion taken from third reading and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
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Concurred in. Sent to  
enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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 19 ~~cemetery or crematory company or any company having the~~  
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 23 ~~prevent the nomination or election of any person or in order~~  
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