

SENATE BILL 525

IN THE SENATE

April 11, 1979

By motion and consent Senate Bill 525 allowed to be introduced and considered this session.

April 12, 1979

Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.

April 16, 1979

Printed and placed on members' desks.

April 17, 1979

Second reading, do pass.

On motion, rules suspended, Bill placed on Calendar for third reading this day.

Third reading, passed. (46 A - 2 N)

IN THE HOUSE

April 18, 1979

On motion, rules suspended and bill allowed to be accepted, introduced, and considered this session.

Introduced and referred to Committee on Rules.

On Motion, taken from Committee on Rules and referred to second reading this day.

Second reading, pass consideration.

April 19, 1979

Second reading, not concurred (86A - 1N)

Concurred vote failed (8A - 85N)

Third reading, not concurred.

IN THE SENATE

April 18, 1979

Returned from House, not concurred.

1 *House* BILL NO. 505  
2 INTRODUCED BY *Stephens Blaylock Vincent Rummel*  
3 BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

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22 for his signature. If he does not sign or veto the bill  
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24 legislature is in session or within 25 days if the  
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19 Section 2. Effective date. If approved by the  
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21 Section 3. Submission to electorate. This amendment  
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23 at the general election to be held November 4, 1980, by  
24 printing on the ballot the full title of this act and the  
25 following:

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- 1       FOR requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of the
- 2      legislature to override a gubernatorial veto.
- 3       AGAINST requiring a two-thirds vote of each house of
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Approved by Committee  
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