

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

INTRODUCED BY S. BROWN

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

February 15, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 17, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 19, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 21, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 22, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE HOUSE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 19, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 20, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
March 21, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 23, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 24, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 2 report contain the following information:

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7 (2) the date each such complaint was filed;

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9 (4) whether there have been previous complaints
 10 against the same attorney and, if so, the general nature of
 11 the previous complaints;

12 (5) the present status of all complaints filed with or
 13 pending before the commission during the preceding biennium;
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15 (6) whenever a final disposition of a complaint has
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 18 Court, and the action taken by the Supreme Court.

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THIRD READING

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