HOUSE BILL NO. 484

INTRODUCED BY NORDTVEDT, AZZARA

IN THE HOUSE

January 26, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 6, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 7, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration until the 31st legislative day.
February 9, 1981	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 10, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 11, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 91; Noes, 5. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 12, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 10, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 12, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 14, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 41; Noes, 6.

IN THE HOUSE

March 17, 1981   Returned from Senate with
                                  amendments.

April 7, 1981   Second reading, amendments
                                  concurred in.

                                  On motion, rules suspended
                                  and bill placed on third
                                  reading this day.

                                  Third reading, amendments
                                  concurred in. Ayes, 92;
                                  Noes, 5. Sent to enrolling.

                                  Reported correctly enrolled.

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15   election shall nominate its candidates for public office,

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5   13-27-306. THE ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR SHALL FORWARD THE

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1   MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS EQUAL TO 5%

2   OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

3   FOR GOVERNOR AT THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION IN THE DISTRICTS.

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                              -End-

REFERENCE BILL

March 10, 1981

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation)

That House Bill No. 484 be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 25.
Following: "election"
Strike: "AND BY A NUMBER OF"
Insert: ", which number must include the"

2. Page 2, line 3.
Following: "IN"
Strike: "THE"
Insert: "those"