

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, CONROY, IVERSON, SEIFFERT, MARKS

IN THE HOUSE

March 27, 1981

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on State  
Administration.

April 2, 1981

Committee recommend bill  
do pass. Report adopted.

April 3, 1981

Bill printed and placed  
on members' desks.

April 7, 1981

Motion pass consideration.

April 9, 1981

Second reading, do pass.

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

Third reading, passed.  
Ayes, 89; Noes, 4.  
Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 10, 1981

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on State Administration.

April 13, 1981

Committee recommend bill  
be concurred in. Report  
adopted.

April 15, 1981

Second reading, concurred in.

April 16, 1981

Third reading, concurred in.  
Ayes, 34; Noes, 16.

IN THE HOUSE

April 17, 1981

Returned from Senate. Concurred  
in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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