

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, CONROY, IVERSON, SEIFERT, 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.

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April 17, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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