

SENATE BILL NO. 39

INTRODUCED BY GOODOVER

BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

IN THE SENATE

January 5, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 9, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass and be placed on consent calendar. Report adopted.
January 10, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 13, 1981	Consent calendar discussion.
January 14, 1981	Consent calendar, do pass. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

January 15, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 7, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 10, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 95; Noes, 1.

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March 11, 1981	Returned from House. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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