

HOUSE BILL NO. 632

INTRODUCED BY BLISS

IN THE HOUSE

February 3, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 21, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 15, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 17, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 19, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 19, 1983	Returned to House with amendments.
March 31, 1983	Second reading, amendments concurred in.

April 1, 1983

Third reading, amendments
concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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March 15, 1983

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Local Government)

That House Bill No. 632 be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 16.
Strike: "or appointed"
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Following: "13-1-401"
Insert: ", or appointed as provided in subsection (4) of this
section"

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