

SENATE BILL NO. 421

Introduced: 02/15/83

Referred to Committee on state Administration: 02/15/83
Hearing: 02/16/83

On Motion, 2/16/83, That The Bill Be Printed And Placed On
2nd Reading. Motion Passed.

2nd Reading: 02/19/83
Constitutional Amendment To Be Placed On Third Reading
3rd Reading: 02/22/83

Transmitted to House: 02/22/83

Referred to Committee on State Administration: 02/28/83
Report: 03/10/83, Be Concurred In, As Amended

2nd Reading: 03/14/83, Be Not Concurred In
3rd Reading: 03/15/83, Be Not Concurred In
Bill Killed.

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House State Administration Committee amendments to Senate Bill 421,
third reading copy, blue
March 9, 1983

1. Page 3.

Following: line 9

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 4. Coordination instruction. If
House Bill No. 629 is passed and approved, the year "1983" in
section 3 of this act is changed to "1984"."

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Not concurred in

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