

HOUSE BILL 387

Introduced by Mercer, et al.

1/24	Introduced
1/25	Referred to State Administration
2/02	Hearing
2/03	Committee Report--Bill Passed
2/04	2nd Reading Passed
2/09	3rd Reading Passed

Transmitted to Senate

2/10	Referred to State Administration
3/13	Hearing
3/13	Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended
3/14	2nd Reading Not Concurred
3/14	Segregated From Committee of the Whole Report
3/15	Rereferred to State Administration
	Died in Committee

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 387
2 INTRODUCED BY MERCER Spaldt
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 13, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration, having had under consideration HB 387 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 387 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Mercer (Farrell)

1. Title, line 7.

Following: "OFFICE OF"

Insert: "MEMBERS OF THE SENATE SIX YEARS AND"

2. Page 1, line 17.

Following: "term of"

Strike: "four"

Insert: "six"

3. Page 1, line 18.

Following: "law."

Strike: "One-half"

Insert: "One-third"

4. Page 2, line 7.

Following: "years"

Insert: "and the term of members of the senate six years"

5. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "years"

Insert: "and the term of members of the senate six years"

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: Farrell
William E. Farrell, Chairman

SENATE
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