

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

INTRODUCED BY EWER
BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 19, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 30, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 1, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 2, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 3, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 4, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 94; NOES, 2.
FEBRUARY 5, 1993	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 8, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 2, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 3, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 4, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 16, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.
	REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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