

HOUSE BILL NO. 536

INTRODUCED BY TUSS, WHALEN, GALVIN, SAYLES, S. RICE,
STANFORD, ENDY, REHBEIN, QUILICI, GERVAIS, FRANKLIN,
CHRISTIAENS, DOHERTY, WILSON, STRIZICH

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 9, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT. FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 19, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED. POSTED ON CONSENT CALENDAR.
FEBRUARY 20, 1993	CONSENT CALENDAR, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 22, 1993	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 97; NOES, 1.
FEBRUARY 23, 1993	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 1, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT. FIRST READING.
MARCH 26, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 27, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 29, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 45; NOES, 2. RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 30, 1993	RECEIVED FROM SENATE. SENT TO ENROLLING. REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.
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 3 Shirley Stanford, Emily Rohlman, J. J. Sykes
 4 Barbara Frank, Christopher Phelan
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ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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