

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

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| 2/12 | Introduced                                  |
| 2/12 | Referred to State Administration            |
| 2/12 | First Reading                               |
| 2/15 | Hearing                                     |
| 2/17 | Committee Report--Bill Passed               |
| 2/19 | 2nd Reading Passed                          |
| 2/22 | 3rd Reading Passed                          |
|      | Transmitted to Senate                       |
| 3/01 | First Reading                               |
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| 3/12 | Hearing                                     |
| 3/12 | Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended |
| 3/13 | 2nd Reading Concurred                       |
| 3/15 | 3rd Reading Concurred                       |
|      | Returned to House with Amendments           |
| 4/01 | 2nd Reading Amendments Concurred            |
| 4/02 | 3rd Reading Amendments Concurred            |
| 4/07 | Signed by Speaker                           |
| 4/13 | Signed by President                         |
| 4/20 | Filed with Secretary of State               |

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 12, 1993

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration House Joint Resolution No. 17 (first reading copy - blue), respectfully report that House Joint Resolution No. 17 be amended as follows and as so amended be concurred in.

Signed: Senator Eleanor Vaughn  
Senator Eleanor Vaughn, Chair

That such amendments read:

1. Title, line 7.

Following: "REVISIONS"

Insert: "IN RETIREMENT BENEFIT OPTIONS"

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