

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

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VAN VALKENBURG, HARPER

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 7, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TAXATION.
	FIRST READING.
APRIL 12, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 13, 1993	PRINTING REPORT.
	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
APRIL 14, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 45; NOES, 4.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 15, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
	FIRST READING.
APRIL 16, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 17, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 20, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 85; NOES, 14.
APRIL 21, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 21, 1993	SENT TO ENROLLING.
	REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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WHEREAS, counties and cities and towns typically establish revolving funds for the purpose of securing bonds issued for special improvement districts and rural special improvement districts; and

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the financing of special improvement districts and rural special improvement districts 12 years ago; and

WHEREAS, major changes have occurred in the use of bonds and warrants for the financing of improvement districts during the last 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Revenue Oversight Committee is an appropriate committee to conduct an interim study of improvement district financing.

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