

H.438 - Proposed Changes on Legislative Space Use and State House
Renovations

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1 Sec. X. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.126.2-126.3 is amended to

2 read:

3 Sec. E.126.2 USE OF SPACE; FINDINGS; PURPOSE

4 (a) The General Assembly currently finds that it may be necessary for the
5 Legislative Branch to use space in addition to the State House in Montpelier
6 during the 2021–22 biennium to meet social distancing requirements and
7 mitigate the public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

8 (b) The purpose of Sec. E.126.3 of this act is to provide alternative
9 locations during the 2021–22 biennium of the General Assembly for the
10 Legislative Branch to use in order to protect the public health, safety, and
11 welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic while also maintaining the ability of
12 the Legislative Branch to perform its constitutional legislative duties.

13 Sec. E.126.3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; STATE BUILDINGS; USE OF
14 SPACE; AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS; 2021–22
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16 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 29 V.S.A. § 165 and any other
17 provision of law to the contrary, in order to perform its constitutional duties,
18 the Legislative Branch shall have exclusive use of alternative locations during
19 the 2021–22 legislative biennium, including the following:

20 (1) 133 State Street:

21 (A) Basement: stock room and rooms 012, 016, 015, 021, and 022.

22 (B) First Floor: rooms 121, 122, and 126.

23 (C) Fourth Floor: board room.

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1 ~~(D) Fifth Floor: entire floor.~~

2 (2) 109 State Street:

3 (A) Basement: rooms B07 and B015 and surrounding space;

4 (B) Second floor: rooms 264, 267, 268, and 270.

5 (C) Fourth floor: conference room.

6 (3) 111 State Street: library stacks room on the second floor.

7 (4) 2 Aiken Street.

8 (5) 4 Aiken Street.

9 (6) 6 Baldwin Street.

10 (b) The Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General
11 Services shall consider ways to address any disruption to the functionality of
12 the Executive and Legislative Branches in shared State building space.

13 (c) The authority of the Sergeant at Arms set forth in 2 V.S.A. chapter 62
14 shall apply in any rooms or spaces occupied by the Legislative Branch.

15 Sec. Y. 2 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

16 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE HOUSE

17 (a) The Legislative Advisory Committee on the State House is created.

18 (b) The Committee shall be composed of ~~44~~ 13 members:

19 (1) ~~three~~ four members of the House of Representatives, appointed
20 biennially by the Speaker of the House;

21 (2) ~~three~~ four members of the Senate, appointed biennially by the
22 Committee on Committees;

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1 (3) the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Vermont

2 State House;

3 (4) the Director of the Vermont Historical Society;

4 (5) the Director of the Vermont Council on the Arts;

5 (6) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services; and

6 (7) the Sergeant at Arms.

7 (c) The Committee shall biennially elect a chair from among its legislative

8 members. A quorum shall consist of ~~six~~ seven members.

9 (d) The Committee shall meet at the State House at least one time when the

10 General Assembly is in session and at least one time when the General

11 Assembly is not in session or at the call of the Chair. The Commissioner of

12 Buildings and General Services shall keep minutes of the meetings and

13 maintain a file thereof.

14 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative

15 Counsel.

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