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**To: Hon. Matthew Birong, Chair
House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs**

**From: S. Lauren Hibbert, Deputy Secretary of State
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Re: H. 831: An act relating to requiring the Secretary of State to include the year of passage in the number assigned to acts of the General Assembly

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.831 (An act relating to requiring the Secretary of State to include the year of passage in the number assigned to acts of the General Assembly).

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Based on the testimony provided last week on H.831, the recommended changes appear to relate to the General Assembly’s own form and format of the acts and resolutions. Regarding Vermont Statutes Annotated and how acts are cited, the statutes are published by Legislative Counsel pursuant to [2 V.S.A. §§ 421-426](#).