

Immediately after the close of each session of the general assembly, the secretary of state shall furnish the printer designated by the commissioner of buildings and general services a copy of the acts and resolves of such session, duly certified by him or her, as secretary of state.

29 V.S.A. § 1115.

Within one hundred and fifty days after the final adjournment of each session of the general assembly, the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and the secretary of state shall convene at Montpelier and verify the acts and resolutions which have been engrossed, typewritten or printed as provided by law under the direction of such secretary by comparison with the original acts and resolutions which have passed both houses.

2 V.S.A. § 18.

In summary, your duties are to review the acts delivered to your custody, confirm that they have been properly signed, assign them numbers, correct obvious typographical errors, deliver certified copies to the printer and, in cooperation with the Governor and legislative officers, assure that the printed laws match the original acts. Your letter expresses concern that H. 267 "has not been returned to the General Assembly as contemplated by section 11 of chapter II of the Vermont constitution" and asks whether you should assign it an Act number and send it to the printer along with the other laws enacted this session.

Section 11 of Chapter II of the Constitution describes the process for the General Assembly to present bills to the Governor and for the Governor to approve or return them. It provides that:

Every bill which shall have passed the Senate and House of Representatives shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor; if the Governor approve, the Governor shall sign it; if not, the Governor shall return it, with objections in writing, to the House in which it shall have originated; which shall proceed to reconsider it. If, upon such reconsideration, two-thirds of the members present of that House shall pass the bill, it shall, together with the objections, be sent to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of the members present of that House, it shall become a law.

.... If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor, as aforesaid, within five days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to the Governor, the same shall become a law in like manner as if the