

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5041

As Passed Senate, January 17, 1996

Title: An act relating to temporary absences in local elective offices.

Brief Description: Authorizing temporary vacancies in local elective offices to be filled.

Sponsors: Senators Winsley, Haugen and McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 1/17/95, 1/19/95 [DP]; 1/10/96 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/13/95, 46-0; 1/17/96, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Goings, Hale, Heavey, McCaslin and Winsley.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: The code city statutes provide for the appointment of a councilmember pro tempore to serve during the absence or temporary disability of a councilmember. Other forms of local government lack similar authorizing legislation.

Summary of Bill: Authorization for the appointment of officials pro tempore is granted to second class cities, towns and council-manager form of local government.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This bill is a technical cleanup bill which ensures that there will be a sufficient number of people to make decisions in these jurisdictions.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Jim Justin, AWC (pro).