

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5067

C 24 L 95

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Simplifying distribution and pricing of state legal publications.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Snyder and Sellar).

Senate Committee on Government Operations

House Committee on Government Operations

Background: The receipt, distribution, sale and exchange of session laws, legislative journals, Supreme Court and appeals reports are detailed in statute. Many governmental officials receive copies of these documents automatically. The prices charged for the sale of surplus copies are set at specific dollar amounts. It is the duty of the State Law Librarian to receive, distribute, sell and exchange all of these documents, except the temporary edition of the session laws. The temporary edition of the session laws are distributed and sold by the Statute Law Committee.

Summary: Most of the State Law Librarians's duties pertaining to the receipt, distribution, sale and exchange of public documents are shifted to the Statute Law Committee, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate. The exceptions are the Supreme Court reports and the appeals court reports, which are purchased for the use of the state. These continue to be delivered to the State Law Librarian.

The temporary and permanent editions of the session laws are distributed only at the request of legislators and other governmental officials, agencies and offices.

The charge for these documents is set by the Statute Law Committee, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate in order to recover costs.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	97	0

Effective: July 23, 1995