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## Appropriations Committee

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### HB 2891

**Brief Description:** Determining which fire fighters or law enforcement officers may elect or be elected to certain pension and disability boards.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Sommers, Sullivan, Simpson, Cooper, O'Brien, Chase, Conway, Santos, Ogden, Casada and Morell.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 members to continue to serve on Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 disability boards, but they must be elected by the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 members who are subject to the jurisdiction of that board.

**Hearing Date:** 2/6/02

**Staff:** Andrea Hardy (786-7349).

#### Background:

The statutes creating the retirement system Plan 1 (LEOFF 1) provide for the creation of city and county disability boards. These boards rule on claims for disability retirement for LEOFF 1 members, designate which medical services are available to LEOFF 1 retirees, and may require a LEOFF 1 retiree who seeks payment for medical services to submit to a medical exam.

Each city with a population of 20,000 or more has a LEOFF 1 disability board. Each county has a disability board with five members. The county board has jurisdiction over LEOFF 1 members who are not employed by a city that has its own disability board. Under current law, one of the members of the county board must be a member of the legislative body of a city or town that does not have its own board. This member must be chosen by a majority of the mayors of the affected cities or towns within the county.

Representatives on the disability boards are not required to be LEOFF 1 members. Given the growing proportion of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 2 (LEOFF 2) members, the membership of many LEOFF 1 disability boards has become increasingly dominated by LEOFF 2 members.

**Summary of Bill:**

LEOFF Plan 2 members may continue to serve on LEOFF 1 disability boards, but they must be elected by the LEOFF 1 members who are subject to the jurisdiction of that board.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 4, 2002.

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