

**SENATE BILL REPORT**

**SB 6134**

**AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1992**

**Brief Description:** Requiring seals for district courts.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Nelson, A. Smith, Erwin and Madsen

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; M. Kreidler, Madsen, Newhouse, Rasmussen, and A. Smith.

**Staff:** Dick Armstrong (786-7460)

**Hearing Dates:** January 23, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

In 1991 the Legislature gave the district courts jurisdiction over petitions requesting a change in a person's legal name. The federal government and some out-of-state agencies have refused to accept and honor orders lawfully issued by district court judges because there is no seal to authenticate the order. District court judges are requesting statutory authorization to have a state seal to authenticate all of their orders.

**SUMMARY:**

District courts are authorized to have a state seal for use in authenticating the orders of such courts.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The bill will allow them to authenticate district court orders.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** PRO: Judge McBeth; Judge Seitz