

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6444

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 12, 1992

Brief Description: Regarding membership on boards for television reception improvement districts.

SPONSORS: Senators Madsen and Sellar

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & UTILITIES

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Thorsness, Chairman; Saling, Vice Chairman; Jesernig, Nelson, Roach, Stratton, Sutherland, and Williams.

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Hearing Dates: February 7, 1992

BACKGROUND:

Legislation allowing for the creation of television reception improvement districts was enacted in 1971. These districts may be formed to serve the public interest for constructing, maintaining, and operating television and FM radio translator stations in areas where the local terrain blocks reception.

The districts are governed by a board; if the district boundaries conform with those of a county, the county commissioners serve as the members of the board. If the district has boundaries that do not conform with those of the county, the district will be governed by a board of three, five, seven or nine members, all appointed by the board of county commissioners for a three year term.

In some cases there has been difficulty finding citizens interested in serving on the boards of these districts.

SUMMARY:

In television reception improvement districts with boundaries that do not conform with the boundary of the county, there is no limit in the number of terms that may be served by a member of a television reception improvement district board.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

This is a housekeeping measure to clarify that board members can serve consecutive terms.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Jarrold Parry, TV Dist., Pierce County