

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5052

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 17, 1993

Brief Description: Removing the requirement that city and town council meetings be held within the corporate limits.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators A. Smith, Haugen and Quigley)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5052 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chairman; Drew, Vice Chairman; Loveland, Oke, Owen, von Reichbauer, and Winsley.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Hearing Dates: January 19, 1993; January 22, 1993

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND:

All meetings of a town council, a city council of the third class, or a city council of a code city must be held within the corporate limits of the town or city. There are times when it might be appropriate for these councils to meet outside their corporate boundaries.

SUMMARY:

The requirement that town councils, city councils of the third class, or city councils of code cities meet within their corporate limits is removed.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

City and town councils occasionally need to meet with a neighboring city or the county council on mutual issues, e.g., growth management policies.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: City of Normandy Park (pro); Stan Finkelstein, Association of Cities (pro)

HOUSE AMENDMENT(S):

All final actions on resolutions and ordinances must take place within the corporate limits of the city or town.

Notice requirements for special meetings by third class cities and towns are made consistent with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Restrictive language on when the oath of office must be taken is deleted.