

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6631

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**As Passed House:**

February 27, 1998

**Title:** An act relating to candidate declaration filings in districts comprising more than one county.

**Brief Description:** Specifying declaration of candidacy requirements for school director candidates in joint districts.

**Sponsors:** Senators McCaslin and Haugen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Government Administration: 2/20/98, 2/24/98 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/27/98, 94-0.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives D. Schmidt, Chairman; D. Sommers, Vice Chairman; Scott, Ranking Minority Member; Gardner, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Doumit; Dunn; Dunshee; Murray; Reams; Smith; L. Thomas; Wensman and Wolfe.

**Staff:** John Carmichael (786-7093).

**Background:** In voting districts with territory in more than one county, declarations of candidacy are filed with the county auditor in the county where the majority of registered voters in the district reside for all non-partisan offices, except judicial offices.

A joint school district includes territory in more than one county. The State Board of Education decides which county auditor has jurisdiction over elections in joint school districts. However, declarations of candidacy are filed with the county auditor in the county where the majority of registered voters in the district reside, according to the rule for nonpartisan offices.

**Summary of Bill:** Declarations of candidacy for school directors in joint school districts are filed with the county auditor in the county to which the district primarily belongs, as determined by the State Board of Education.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** None.