

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6291

As of January 21, 2000

Title: An act relating to incorporations of new cities and towns.

Brief Description: Requiring boundary review boards to consider the tax base of an area proposing incorporation before approving or disapproving the incorporation.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford and Rossi.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 1/24/2000.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Background: A boundary review board may disapprove the incorporation of a city with an estimated population of less than 7,500. A boundary review board may not disapprove the incorporation of a city with an estimated population of 7,500 or more, but the board may recommend against the proposed incorporation.

Summary of Bill: A boundary review board must disapprove a proposed incorporation of any city or town when the tax base for the proposed incorporation is less than 70 percent of the statewide tax base for all cities and towns. Tax base— means the per capita actual value of the taxable property added to the per capita sales and use tax revenues. The boundary review board must consult with the Department of Revenue for assistance in determining the tax base.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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