

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6236

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As Passed Senate, February 6, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to mailings by legislators.

**Brief Description:** Revising restrictions on mailings by legislators.

**Sponsors:** Senators West, Snyder and Gardner.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State & Local Government: 1/23/02 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/6/02, 44-2.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Gardner, Chair; Fairley, Vice Chair; Hale, Haugen, Keiser, Kline, McCaslin, T. Sheldon and Swecker.

**Staff:** Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

**Background:** In general, during the 12 month period beginning on December 1 of the year before a general election for a state legislator's election to office and continuing through November 30 immediately after the general election, a legislator may not mail, either by regular mail or electronic mail, to a constituent at public expense a letter, newsletter, brochure, or other piece of literature.

**Summary of Bill:** The period during which a legislator may not mail to a constituent at public expense is changed to December 1 through the day immediately after the general election.

**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:** No one.

**House Amendment(s):** Electronic mailings made by legislators running for re-election are not restricted until the period beginning 45 days after the adjournment of the regular legislative session through the day immediately after the general election.

