
**Technology, Energy &
Communications Committee**

HB 2543

Brief Description: Making permanent the enhanced 911 advisory committee.

Sponsors: Representatives Kilmer, Crouse, Nixon, Hudgins, Morrell, Green and Lantz; by request of Military Department.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Converts the E-911 Advisory Committee into a permanent committee.

Hearing Date: 1/19/06

Staff: Kara Durbin (786-7133).

Background:

Enhanced 911 (E-911) automatically displays the caller's name, phone number, and location to a 911 operator. An E-911 system was established in Washington by referendum in 1991.

The E-911 coordinator is responsible for the implementation and operation of the E-911 system in the state. The coordinator is assisted by the E-911 advisory committee, appointed by the Adjutant General of the state Military Department, and representing fire, safety, utility, telecommunication, and local government officials. The purpose of the E-911 Advisory Committee is to assist and coordinate the counties' operation and continued advancement of E-911 systems which provide expedient, reliable public access to emergency services statewide. There are currently 27 members on the advisory committee.

The E-911 Advisory Committee is set to expire on December 31, 2006.

Summary of Bill:

The E-911 Advisory Committee is converted into a permanent advisory committee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.