

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 3123

As Passed House:

February 16, 1998

Title: An act relating to senate confirmation of growth management hearings board members.

Brief Description: Providing for senate confirmation of growth management hearings board members.

Sponsors: Representatives Mulliken, Sullivan, Thompson and Mielke.

Brief History:

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/16/98, 58-40.

Staff: Caroleen Dineen (786-7156).

Background: In 1991 three Growth Management Hearings Boards were created to hear and determine petitions involving compliance issues related to the implementation of the Growth Management Act. Each board's jurisdiction is limited to hearing only petitions concerning matters within its geographical boundaries.

Each board is composed of three members. Each member is to be appointed by the Governor for a 6-year term, with the terms of the initial board members staggered to expire during the period 1994 to 1998. Any vacancy on a board is filled by gubernatorial appointment for the remaining unexpired term.

Summary of Bill: Each board member appointed by the Governor, either to serve a full term or to fill a vacancy, must be confirmed by the Senate. No board member appointed after July 1, 1998, may begin to serve until the Senate confirmation process is complete. Board members appointed on or before July 1, 1998, must be confirmed by the Senate by July 1, 1999, in order to continue to serve on the board after that date.

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.