

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6174

As of January 16, 1998

Title: An act relating to special purpose district commissioner per diem compensation.

Brief Description: Changing compensation for special district commissioners.

Sponsors: Senator McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 1/23/98.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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Background: The commissioners of fire protection districts, water-sewer districts, hospital districts and port districts are paid per diem compensation of \$50 per day, not to exceed \$4,800 per year. (Commissioners of port districts with a gross operating revenue exceeding \$25 million may not exceed \$6,000 per year.)

The commissioners of public utility districts, diking and drainage districts, drainage districts, diking, drainage, sewerage improvement districts, intercounty diking and drainage districts, flood control districts, and irrigation districts may adopt a resolution to receive per diem compensation of up to \$50 per day, not to exceed \$4,800 per year. (Commissioners of public utility districts may not exceed \$7,000 per year.)

Each eligible member of a public transit benefit area authority, after passage of a resolution, may receive per diem compensation of up to \$44 per day, not to exceed \$3,300 per year.

The commissioners of metropolitan park districts and cemetery districts are not authorized to receive per diem compensation.

The state Constitution prohibits elected officials who set their own salaries from increasing their salaries during their current term of office.

Summary of Bill: The commissioners of fire protection districts, water-sewer districts, hospital districts, and port districts may adopt a resolution increasing the rate of per diem compensation for commissioners from \$50 per day to \$70 per day, and increasing the yearly ceiling from \$4,800 per year to \$6,720 per year (\$8,400 per year if a port district has a gross operating revenue over \$25 million).

The commissioners of metropolitan park districts, cemetery districts, diking and drainage districts, drainage districts, diking, drainage, sewerage improvement districts, intercounty diking and drainage districts, flood control districts, irrigation districts, public transit benefit area authorities, and public utility districts may adopt a resolution providing for per diem

compensation at a rate of up to \$70 per day, not to exceed \$6,720 per year (public utility districts may not exceed \$9,800 per year and public transit benefit area authorities may not exceed \$5,250 per year).

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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