

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6631

As Passed Senate, February 14, 1998

Title: An act relating to candidate declaration filings in districts comprising more than one county.

Brief Description: Specifying declaration of candidacy requirements for school director candidates in joint districts.

Sponsors: Senators McCaslin, Haugen and Deccio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/5/98, 2/6/98 [DP].
Passed Senate, 2/14/98, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chair; Hale, Vice Chair; Anderson, Haugen, Horn and T. Sheldon.

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: A declaration for candidacy for the office of school director, where voters from a district comprising more than one county vote upon the candidate, is filed with the county auditor of the county in which a majority of the registered voters of the district reside.

Summary of Bill: For school directors in joint school districts, the declaration of candidacy is filed with the county auditor of the county to which the joint school district is considered as belonging as designated by the State Board of Education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: Candidates for school director sometimes file in the wrong county or play it safe and file in two counties. This eliminates any doubts about where to file.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Lorraine Wilson, Washington State School Directors' Association (pro).