## HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS SB 6602

**Title:** An act relating to disability board membership.

**Brief Description:** Revising membership of certain LEOFF disability boards.

**Sponsors:** Senators Loveland and Patterson.

**Background:** The statutes creating the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters retirement system, Plan 1 (LEOFF 1) provide for the creation of city and county disability boards. These boards rule on claims for disability retirement for LEOFF 1 members, designate which medical services are available to LEOFF 1 retirees, and may require a LEOFF 1 retiree who seeks payment for medical services to submit to a medical exam.

Each county has a disability board which has five members. The board has jurisdiction over LEOFF 1 members who are not employed by a city that has its own disability board. Under current law one of the members of the county board must be a member of a city or town legislative body located within the county which does not have its own board. This member must be chosen by a majority of the mayors of such cities or towns.

**Summary of Bill:** In counties with a population of less than 60,000, the member of a county LEOFF 1 disability board who is appointed by the mayors of the cities and towns that do not have their own disability boards must be a resident of one of those cities or towns, but need not be a member of a city or town legislative body.

**Appropriation:** None.

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

**Fiscal Note:** Available.