

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5352

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Removing the term limit for members of boundary review boards.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senator McCaslin).

Senate Committee on State & Local Government

House Committee on Local Government

Background: Boundary review boards (BRBs) were created by the Legislature in 1967 to help guide and control the creation and growth of municipalities in metropolitan areas. In counties of one million or more population, BRBs consist of 11 members. In counties of less than one million population, BRBs consist of five members.

Appointments to BRBs are made by the Governor, the county appointing authority, the mayors of the cities and towns of the county and by BRBs from among nominees of the special districts of the county. The terms of the members of the boards are four years running from February 1 of the year in which the terms commence, except for the term of the member representing the special districts, which runs from March 1.

No board member may serve more than eight consecutive years. If no appointment is made by the appropriate appointing authority, the size of the board is reduced by one member for each position that remains vacant or unappointed.

Summary: The limitation to eight consecutive years as the maximum that may be served by any board member is removed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	5
House	82	12

Effective: April 28, 1999