

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5188

As Reported by House Committee On:

State Government

Title: An act relating to surplus political funds.

Brief Description: Providing an alternative manner of dispersing surplus political funds.

Sponsors: Senator McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government: 2/22/02, 2/28/02 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee may be donated to a school, school district, or educational service district.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Romero, Chair; Miloscia, Vice Chair; McMorris, Ranking Minority Member; McDermott, Schindler and Schmidt.

Staff: Kimberly Berry (786-7291).

Background:

After a campaign, the surplus funds of a candidate or a political committee supporting or opposing a candidate may be disposed of in several ways:

- Returned to contributors in an amount not exceeding their original contributions;
- transferred to the candidate as reimbursement for lost earnings incurred as a result of the campaign;
- transferred to a political party or a caucus political committee;
- donated to a charity;
- deposited in the state general fund;
- retained in a campaign depository for use in a future campaign; or
- retained in a separate account for non-reimbursed public office-related expenses.

Summary of Bill:

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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.