FINAL BILL REPORT SSB 5077

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the provisional employment of sheriff's employees.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Rasmussen).

Senate Committee on State & Local Government House Committee on Local Government & Housing

Background: The civil service commission for county deputy sheriffs and other employees of the office of county sheriffs is comprised of three members appointed by the board of county commissioners. When a vacancy occurs, the commission must certify three persons highest on the list of persons eligible for that job class. If there is no list, then the commission must authorize a temporary appointment list for the class. Any temporary appointment can last no more than four months and any one person may receive only one temporary appointment in one fiscal year. The eligible list for some job classes can remain empty beyond four months despite the commission's best efforts to recruit qualified applicants.

Summary: If the commission certifies that it continues to use due diligence in advertising and testing for the position, the authority that made the temporary appointment may extend it beyond its four-month expiration. If no list of three prospective candidates for the position can be assembled by one year after the initial temporary appointment was made, then the position may be filled from a list of less than three prospective candidates.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0

House 93 0 (House amended) Senate 47 0 (Senate concurred)

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