

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5131

As of February 1, 2001

Title: An act relating to public funding of campaigns for local offices.

Brief Description: Allowing public funding of local office campaigns.

Sponsors: Senators Franklin and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 2/5/01.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: Initiative measure 134 passed by the voters in November 1992 regulates political contributions and campaign expenditures and prohibits the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for state or local offices. Some local governments had ordinances providing the availability of public funds for political campaigns for municipal offices.

Summary of Bill: The prohibition on the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for local offices is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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