

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5889

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As of February 02, 2006

**Title:** An act relating to statewide nonpartisan offices.

**Brief Description:** Making the state treasurer a nonpartisan office.

**Sponsors:** Senators Pridemore, Oke, Rockefeller and Shin; by request of State Treasurer.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 2/2/06.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Staff:** Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

**Background:** The duties of the State Treasurer are to receive and disburse public money, account for public money as provided by law, manage the investment of state funds, oversee state borrowing, and carry out other duties as prescribed by the Constitution and statute.

**Summary of Bill:** The duties of the State Treasurer are recognized as nonpartisan in nature. The State Treasurer is made subject to elections provisions for nonpartisan offices.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** Party affiliation plays no part in what the State Treasurer does, and that official should not be indebted or subject to the influence of a political party.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** PRO: Mike Murphy, State Treasurer.