

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1073

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,
FEBRUARY 19, 1992

Brief Description: Dealing with voter registration for high school students.

SPONSORS: Representatives O'Brien, Anderson, Pruitt, Wineberry, Rasmussen, Franklin, P. Johnson, Casada and Tate.

HOUSE COMMITTEE STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass and be referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Madsen, and Sutherland.

Staff: Barbara Howard (786-7410)

Hearing Dates: April 4, 1991; February 19, 1992

BACKGROUND:

As chief voter registrar in the county, the auditor must appoint a deputy registrar for each precinct or group of precincts in the county and must also designate an official or employee of each common school as a deputy registrar.

SUMMARY:

With the assistance of the Secretary of State and county auditors, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must develop a voter registration and education program for high school students. Information regarding the program must be disseminated by the Superintendent to all high schools in the state.

The Secretary of State and county auditors must design and provide a standard notice informing students of the availability of voter registration. The notice must be posted in each high school.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

We need to do everything we can to encourage young people to exercise the right to vote and to raise the level of turnout at elections.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Lael Braymer, Bellevue, League of Women Voters of Washington (pro)