

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5191

AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1991

Brief Description: Placing the responsibility for the formation of school directors' districts with the districts' boards of directors.

SPONSORS: Senators Bailey and Barr.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Hearing Dates: February 5, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Under the laws governing school director districts, the regional committee of each educational service district is responsible for adjusting director districts. In all districts except the Seattle School District, the regional committee divides or redivides director districts. In the Seattle School District, the school board designates the boundaries for director districts, but the regional committee approves the plan.

Under laws governing redistricting by local governments, counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts are given the responsibility for redistricting their governmental units. The redistricting is required to be completed within eight months of receipt of the federal decennial census.

SUMMARY:

School district boards of directors determine the boundaries and changes to those boundaries for director districts within their school districts. Standards are established for when the school district board of directors should revise the boundaries of the director districts. Regional committees are no longer responsible for determining the division and redivision for director districts. The boundaries must be determined consistent with the laws governing redistricting for municipal corporations.

The limitation on not more than two directors living in the same director district in certain second class school districts is repealed.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.