FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6135

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Requiring permanent retention of name change orders.

SPONSORS: Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Nelson, A. Smith, Erwin and Madsen)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BACKGROUND:

In 1991 the Legislature authorized name change petitions to be heard in district court. Current law requires district courts to retain records of its proceedings for ten years.

However, records relating to name change orders need to be established on a permanent basis because such orders may be used indefinitely to establish the legal name of a person.

SUMMARY:

County auditors are required to maintain a permanent record of all name change orders. The district court is to collect the appropriate filing and recording fee and transmit the order and the fee to the auditor's office.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate 47 0 House 96 0

EFFECTIVE: June 11, 1992