

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6207

As of January 26, 2004

Title: An act relating to allowing water-sewer districts to consider fees in selecting engineering services.

Brief Description: Allowing water-sewer districts to consider fees in selecting engineering services.

Sponsors: Senators Eide, Schmidt and Kastama.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 1/27/04.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: When water-sewer districts contract for engineering services, general provisions applicable to all state government, local governments, and special purpose districts are used. These general provisions are interpreted by some to preclude any discussion of the engineer's fee or rate structure prior to the selection of the most qualified engineering firm for purposes of negotiating a contract for water-sewer district purposes.

Summary of Bill: Water-sewer districts are given a choice in methods of contracting for professional engineering services. The district may use the general provisions for this type of contract or use the provisions specific to water-sewer districts. Water-sewer districts may require the engineering firm to submit its fee or rate structure along with its statement of qualifications or project proposal. The district may make its selection among the qualified bidders based on the lowest proposed fees or rates for the work.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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