

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6271

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning the compensation of special purpose district commissioners.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hatfield, Fairley and Sheldon.

**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**

**House Committee on Local Government**

**Background:** Special purpose districts are limited purpose local governments authorized by law to perform a single function or a limited number of functions. Examples of special purpose districts are water-sewer districts, public hospital districts, fire protection districts, and public utility districts. Special purpose districts are governed by a board of commissioners. A board consists of three members and may increase to five or seven members when the board determines it is in the best interest of the district.

Each commissioner receives a per diem amount of \$90 per day for the performance of services on behalf of the district. During the 2007 Legislative Session, the per diem compensation increased from \$70 to \$90. Current law requires water-sewer districts and public hospital districts' boards to pass a resolution prior to increasing a commissioners compensation. As a result, commissioners are required to take this action to receive the per diem increase.

**Summary:** The resolution requirement for the payment of compensation in water-sewer districts and public hospital districts is removed.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	42	6
House	94	1

**Effective:** June 12, 2008