

COMMITTEE REPORT

HOUSE

(11)

FURTHER:

4/16/82

Mr. Speaker: (BESS referral waived 4/16/82)

Date: 4-17-82

The Committee on FINANCE has had CSSB 95 (C&RA)

"An Act relating to election of school board members."

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with <sup>H</sup>CS for CSSB 95 (C+RA)  same title  
 new title
- and recommends DO PASS
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS

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MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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**CHAIRMAN**

Original sponsor: Ferguson by request

Offered: 4/16/82  
Referred: Health, Education &  
Social Services and Finance

BY THE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL  
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1 IN THE SENATE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95 (C&RA)

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. CSSB 95 (C&RA)

Title "An Act relating to election of school board members"

Requested by Senator Ferguson

Date 3/30/82

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Office of the Governor

Program Category Affected Division of Elections

BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of Elections

(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		25.0	12.3	13.8	15.5	17.4
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
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700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>

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FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

No additional positions required.

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FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

Assume:

- No additional cost for the question concerning sectional division to be placed on the October 1982 REAA ballots.
- One-time mapping cost of 25.0 for sectional maps to be prepared during FY 83.
- Additional printing costs for separate sectional ballots beginning in FY 84 for the October 1983 REAA elections. (Currently 21 ballots; legislation would allow 62 separate ballots.) Formula for printing costs: 41 additional ballots x \$300/ballot = \$12,300.
- 12% inflation for printing of additional ballots each year.
- The absorption of other costs (advertising, staff time for ballot preparation, travel, etc.) within our detail budget requests.

IV. DATE 3/30/82

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AGENCY Office of the Gov., Division of Elections

Original: Legislative Finance

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25 \* Sec. 7. Within six months after the effective date of this Act, in each  
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