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Sponsors

Representative Gray
Senator Gardner

Short Title

Special District Meeting
Compensation

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which becomes effective August 9, 2017, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Background

Special districts are local governments that provide services or infrastructure to promote the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the inhabitants of a district. Typically, special districts are created to evenly divide costs of services between all property owners and residents and to finance larger infrastructure and public facility projects. The majority of districts draw their boundaries in unincorporated county land, but residents of a municipality may be included in one or more districts.

Voters decide whether a special district should be formed and who will serve on the board of directors. State law limits the compensation that a special district board member may receive.

House Action

House Local Government Committee (April 12, 2017). At the hearing, a representative from the Special District Association of Colorado testified in support of the bill. A representative from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office testified from a neutral position and answered questions from the committee. The committee adopted amendments L.001 and L.002 and referred the bill, as amended, to the House Committee of the Whole. Amendment L.001 adjusted the amount a special district officer can be compensated before being subject to reporting requirements, and Amendment L.002 provided clarifying language to the bill.

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House second reading (April 17, 2017). The House adopted the House Local Government Committee report and passed the bill on second reading as amended.

House third reading (April 18, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Local Government Committee (April 25, 2017). At the hearing, a representative from the Special District Association of Colorado testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 27, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Local Government Committee report and passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (April 28, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *Local Government Handbook*, January 2016:
<http://leg.colorado.gov/publications/local-government-handbook-2016>