

SCS SB 859 -- STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS ON SCHOOL BOARDS

SPONSOR: Klindt (Stefanick)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on General Laws by a vote of 8 to 0.

Current state law prohibits members of the State Highway Patrol from holding elective office. This substitute permits them to run for and serve on local school boards when they are otherwise qualified for that office.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that State Highway Patrol officers are the only professional group that is barred from holding elective office. School districts often have trouble fielding enough candidates to fill seats on the school board.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Klindt.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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