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2003 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2270

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **SB 2270**

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **January 30, 2003**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	1891 - 2750
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shirley Borg</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN COOK opened the hearing on SB 2270. All members (6) in attendance.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON, District 18, Grand Forks, introduced SB 2270. It simply asked that in the issuance of the report of the city auditor, that time wise it be extended and the publication thereof. Some times when these reports are due at the end of the year there is a real rush with all the information coming in. It would make a difference in the quality and fairness of the report if the extension was for sixty days.

SENATOR GARY LEE asked if this would be in the best interest of those receiving these reports.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON did not think this would be a problem.

Jerry Hjelmstad, North Dakota League of Cities, appeared in support of SB 2270 (See attached testimony) He also handed out a letter from City of Killdeer. (See attached letter)

No testimony in opposition of SB 2270.

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Senate Political Subdivisions Committee
Bill/Resolution Number SB 2270
Hearing Date January 30, 2003

CHAIRMAN COOK closed the hearing on SB 2270.

SENATOR JUDY LEE moved a DO PASS on SB 2270.

SENATOR CHRISTENSON seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Carrier: **SENATOR CHRISTENSON**

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Date: 1-30-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2270 Do Pass

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Judy Lee Seconded By Senator Christenson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dwight Cook, Chairman	X				
Senator John O. Syverson, VC	X				
Senator Gary A. Lee	X				
Senator Judy Lee	X				
Senator Linda Christenson	X				
Senator Michael Polovitz	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Christenson

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 30, 2003 2:11 p.m.

Module No: SR-18-1383
Carrier: Christenson
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2270: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2270 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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SR-18-1383

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2003 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2270

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2270

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date: March 13, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0-8.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Micki Schmidt</i>			3-27-03

Minutes:

TAPE 1; SIDE A:

(0.0) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: We will open the hearing on SB 2270. The clerk will call the roll: we have a quorum. Today is "Cities Day."

(2.2) SEN. LINDA CHRISTENSON: (Testimony in support) This bill was put in on behalf of city auditors. This is a "feel good" bill. It doesn't harm anyone. In this case we're simply asking for a 30 day delay in the filing of the annual report from the City Auditors. The preparation and publication of this report is of great significance. But it also has a need to be heard thorough and very accurate. And the City Auditors with whom I spoke, they tell me that extra time is going to be great blessing. They appreciate that time because it does allow them to be more confident in what they are presenting to the public.

(3.7) JERRY HJELMSTAD; ND LEAGUE OF CITIES: (Testimony in support) (See attachment #1)

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House Political Subdivisions Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB 2270

Hearing Date: March 13, 2003

(5.1) REP. DALE SEVERSON: Are there any reports that are necessary to correlate a federal grant to keep them current?

(5.3) JERRY HJELMSTAD: This particular report deals with the different account funds that they have that are required to be published. There may be separate requirements for our grants that they might have to meet, if they did in fact get a grant. This just deals with the problems within the city.

(5.7) DEVRA SMESTAD; CITY AUDITOR FOR BURLINGTON: (Testimony in support)

As an auditor, we find that January is an overwhelming month. Month end for December, we also work on W-2's, 1099's, and try to do the financial statements and get everything organized. Going over some funds, statics, into the New Year, budget and those type of things. It's a little bit overwhelming and having the extra 30 days to do the financial report would be greatly appreciated. It also gives us a chance to present the final statements of our City to our Council or Commissioners before it goes to publication. And for those who only meet once a month, when it has to be published before February 1st, we have to have a special meeting to get that approval by our council members. I also have written testimony from Jane Erickson from the City of Killdeer.

(6.8) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Any questions? Support? Opposition? Seeing none, I will close the hearing on SB 2270.

(7.2) REP. GIL HERBEL: I MOVE A DO PASS.

(7.3) REP. BRUCE ECKRE: I SECOND IT.

(7.4) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Any committee discussion? Seeing none, I will have the clerk take the Roll Call Vote: 13-y; 0-n; 1-absent; Carrier: Rep. Eckre. (8.1)

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Date: 3-13-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2270

House POLITICAL SUBDIVISION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Herbel Seconded By Rep. Eckre

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	✓				
Vice-Chairman Nancy Johnson	✓				
Rep. Mike Groz	✓				
Rep. Gil Herbel	✓				
Rep. Ron Iverson	✓				
Rep. William Kretschmar	✓				
Rep. Andrew Maragos	✓				
Rep. Dale Severson	✓				
Rep. Alon Wieland	✓				
Rep. Bruce Eckre	✓				
Rep. Mary Ekstrom	0				
Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓				
Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓				
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Eckre

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 13, 2003 2:39 p.m.

Module No: HR-45-4731
Carrier: Eckre
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2270: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2270 was placed on
the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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HR-45-4731

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2003 TESTIMONY

SB 2270

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Date

To: Senate Political Subdivisions Committee
From: North Dakota League of Cities
Date: January 30, 2003
Re: Senate Bill No. 2270

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee, my name is Jerry Hjelmstad and I am here on behalf of the North Dakota League of Cities to testify in support of Senate Bill 2270.

This bill was drafted at the request of the North Dakota Municipal Finance Officers Association. The problem that they expressed is that it is difficult to meet the deadline of gathering and preparing the information for the annual financial statement by the February 1st deadline in current law. They requested that this deadline be extended to March 1st. Section 1 of the bill makes this change.

In addition, there is a publication requirement for the annual financial statement. The deadline of thirty days after the close of each fiscal year is especially difficult to meet since many of the designated official newspapers publish on a weekly basis and may have cut-off dates for publication that would additionally shorten the available time for submission of the information. Section 2 of the bill would extend this deadline to sixty days.

Many of the city auditors in North Dakota's 358 incorporated cities serve on a part-time basis. Senate Bill 2270 would be especially helpful to them as they seek to faithfully execute their duties in a timely manner.

We ask the committee to give a "do pass" recommendation to Senate Bill No. 2270.

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City of Killdeer
PO Box 270
Killdeer, ND 58640

TO: Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

FROM: Jane Erickson
Killdeer City Auditor

RE: Senate Bill No. 2270

Dear Chairperson:

The City of Killdeer asks that you vote in favor of Senate Bill No. 2270 to change the due date of cities' annual financial statement from February 1 to March 1, which allows us sixty days to publish the statement instead of thirty days.

January is an extremely busy month for all auditors, especially in the smaller cities where we are just one person in the office. In addition to our regular duties, we close out the previous year, rollover budget items for the current year, prepare W-2's and 1099's and prepare the annual financial statement. Many smaller cities have only a weekly paper, and trying to coincide the approval of the financial report by the city commissioners or councilmen with the filing deadline for the paper so that it can be published in thirty days is difficult. Having sixty days to do this would take a burden off the city auditors.

Therefore, we ask that you vote in favor of Senate Bill No. 2270.

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