



**House
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**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE:
EXTEND SUNSET**

**House Bill 5008 as introduced
First Analysis (11-29-95)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Frank Fitzgerald
Committee: Public Utilities**

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

The Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act was established in 1986 allow county boards of commissioners to appropriate funds to establish 9-1-1 emergency services in their counties. The act also establishes an emergency telephone services (ETS) committee. The committee's purpose is to develop statewide standards and model system considerations for 9-1-1 emergency telephone systems. Currently about 64 counties have established 9-1-1 emergency services systems, another ten have had their plans for such systems approved and are in the process of installing systems, and nine counties are currently studying or formulating plans for their own 9-1-1 systems. The committee provides recommendations as to methods for the counties to maintain their respective 9-1-1 emergency services systems efficiently and attempts to integrate a statewide system.

The provisions of the act provide for the act itself to sunset in 2002; however, the provision establishing the ETS committee is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 1995. Legislation has been offered to allow the ETS committee to continue its work until December 31, 1998.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

House Bill 5008 would amend the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act to extend the sunset provision on the emergency telephone services committee. The Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act establishes the emergency telephone service committee within the Department of State Police and requires, among other things, that the committee facilitate the successful development, implementation and operation of 9-1-1 systems across the state. The current sunset provision would repeal the emergency telephone services committee on December 31, 1995; the bill would allow the committee to continue until December 31, 1998.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no fiscal information available.

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The ETS committee has had a positive effect in coordinating and advising counties as they establish 9-1-1 emergency telephone systems. It is hoped that the committee will complete its task of helping to establish 9-1-1 emergency telephone service throughout the state by the year 2000. In any event, the committee's activities will be able to be reviewed again in 1998 to see whether maintaining it is still necessary.

POSITIONS:

The Department of State Police supports the bill. (11-28-95)

The Emergency Telephone Service Committee supports the bill. (11-28-95)

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