



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 207

Hearing Date: January 23, 2007
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Friend, 10)

Title: Provide a power for the board of directors of a metropolitan utilities district

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senator Friend, Cornett, Janssen, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Mike Friend
Douglas R. Clark
Lynn Rex

Representing:

Introducer
Metropolitan Utilities District
League of NE Municipalities

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: This legislation deals with Metropolitan Utilities Districts, proposing to authorize the board of directors of such a district to designate a new title for the individual performing the functions of the statutorily denominated “general manager”.

This legislation originally appeared in 2005 in a slightly different form as LB 372 (under the sponsorship of Sen. Pat Bourne (District 8)). That act proposed to change the title of the chief operating officer of a metropolitan utilities district from “general manager” to “president”.

The adopted committee amendment to that bill struck all provisions of the original bill and substituted a new section authorizing the MUD board to designate any office with a new title (notwithstanding the title currently provided for in statute) to

more appropriately define the functions of a particular individual exercising those functions.

This bill attempts to achieve the same goal as LB 372 (as amended by the committee).

Four sections of statutes are amended to accomplish that goal.

In section 14-2109, instead of deleting the title of “general manager”, the statute is amended to refer to the individual with the title of general manager or “or other title designated by the board”.

In each of the other three sections (sec. 14-2110, sec. 14-2146, and sec. 14-2147), the term “general manager” is stricken and replaced with the designation “individual appointed in section 14-2109”, thus referencing the title established by the board of directors.

This will enable the board to designate a new title for the general manager or else, by inaction, retain the current title provided for by the unamended statutes.

Explanation of amendments, if any: None

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson