



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 290**

Hearing Date: January 18, 2007
Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer(s): (Pirsch, 4)
Title: Change judicial nominating commission provisions

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	Ashford, Chambers, Lathrop, McDonald, McGill, Pedersen, Pirsch
	No	
1	Present, not voting	Schimek
	Absent	

Proponents:
Senator Pirsch
William Mueller

Representing:
Nebraska State Bar Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: When a judicial vacancy occurs, the judicial nominating commission in that judicial district meets and votes on potential nominees. If there are not eight voting members on the commission, the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association (Council) must nominate candidates to fill the vacancies.

Legislative Bill 290 amends N.R.S. §24-809 to reduce the number of candidates, from 2 to 1, that the Council must nominate for each judicial nominating commission vacancy. If, after reasonable effort, one candidate cannot be found, the Council may nominate candidates from outside the judicial district.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson