



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1115

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: January 26, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1115 revises membership of, and qualifications for, the State Fair Board regardless of the fair's location.

The bill removes the Chairperson of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, or their designees, as ex-officio voting members of the Board, and provides for the State 4-H Administrator to be an ex-officio, non-voting member. An amendment will be offered at the hearing to add the executive director of the Nebraska FFA, or a designee, also as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board.

The qualifications for the four appointed members representing business communities of the state are redefined to provide for geographical representation by the three existing congressional districts and the fourth to represent that of the host community. It is anticipated that the current business community representatives on the Board will continue to be qualified to serve and will simply remain in their terms of service as congressional district or host community representatives. The revisions provide both continuity in governance but flexibility to adapt governance to the fair's location.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Philip Erdman