



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 290

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: January 26, 2007

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

This legislation amends the judicial nominating commission statutes to make section 24-809 consistent with section 24-806. This legislation will provide that if it is determined that there will not be a sufficient number of lawyer members eligible to sit on a nominating commission, the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association shall nominate at least one lawyer candidate for each vacancy on the nominating commission which needs to be filled. Currently section 24-809 requires that two lawyer candidates be nominated for each position.

Furthermore, this legislation provides that if the Executive Council is unable, with reasonable effort to obtain a sufficient number of candidates for each vacancy, it may nominate candidates who do not reside in the judicial district or area served by such nominating commission. Current section 24-806 allows candidates from outside the judicial district or area served by such nominating commission to be nominated for election to the nominating commission.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Pete Pirsch