



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 405

Chairperson: Mike Friend
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 20, 2007

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

LB 405 provides for the addition of two city council members in cities of the metropolitan class.

The bill provides that within 90 days after the effective date of the act, the election commissioner in a county in which a city of the metropolitan class is situated shall divide the city into nine city council districts of compact and contiguous territory. It provides that one council member shall be elected from each district. Current law provides for seven city council members.

Within 90 days of this bill becoming effective, the 8th and 9th council members would be appointed by a majority vote of the current council members, and those two members would serve until their successors are elected at the general city election in May of 2009.

The intent of the bill is to provide for representation from areas which may be annexed by the City of Omaha.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dwite Pedersen