



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 422

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2007

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

LB 422 revises the makeup of the Nebraska Brand Committee by removing the Secretary of State as a permanent member and chair of the Committee. Membership on the committee would be revised to consist of five producer members, with qualification prescribed to continue approximating as closely as possible the allocation of representation on the Committee of cattlemen and feeders under current law. The bill provides for selection of a chairman of the Brand Committee from among its appointed producer members and the chairman would assume functions currently assigned to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State, or his or her designee, would continue as an ex-officio member of the Brand Committee and the Director of Agriculture or designee would also be added as an ex-officio member.

LB 422 is intended to update membership on the Brand Committee to reflect that the historical role of the Secretary of State in providing for recording livestock brands and administering the state's brand laws have been supplanted over time as brand recording, inspection and theft investigation functions have been vested in the Nebraska Brand Committee.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Philip Erdman