



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LR 12 CA

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 6, 2007

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

LR 12 CA proposes a constitutional amendment that would require the Board of Education Lands and Funds to sell enough educational lands by January 2012 so that one-fourth of the value of the school trust portfolio is invested in real property and three-fourths of the value of the school trust portfolio is invested by the state investment officer.

Currently Neb.Rev.Stat. § 72-201.01 requires the Board to accomplish this goal by January 1, 2008. According to the Board's last biennial report, over 56% of the trust is still held in real property. The Board has expressed limitations in selling the land for fear that to do so would violate its fiduciary duty to the beneficiaries of the trust. This constitutional amendment will clear up any confusion about the direction the citizens of Nebraska wish to take with this trust.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Deb Fischer