

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1012

Hearing Date: Monday February 22, 2010
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Change State Racing Commission membership provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Coash, Cook, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Rogert
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Kent Rogert	Introducer
Helen Feller	Self
Dan Dixon	Self
Bob Dunn	Self
Lynne Schuller	Nebraska HBPA

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
Tom Sage	NE State Racing Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1012 increases the membership of the State Racing Commission from three to five members. One member shall be appointed from each of the three congressional districts and two shall be appointed at large. The term for each member shall be four years. Not more than three members of the Commission shall be from the same political party and no more than two members of the Commission shall reside in the same congressional district.

Currently, no member or employee of the commission shall have an interest in a horse that is racing under the jurisdiction of the committee, shall have a pecuniary interest or engage in any private employment in a profession or business which is regulated by or interferes or conflicts with the performance or proper discharge of the duties of the commission, shall wager or cause a wager to be placed on the outcome of any race under the jurisdiction and supervision of the commission, or shall have a pecuniary interest or engage in any private employment in a business which does business with any racing association licensed by the commission or in any business issued a concession operator license by the commission. LB 1012 would allow a member of the commission to engage in these activities, but not an employee of the commission.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2162 to LB 1012 allows up to two members of the Racing Commission to be from the same county. Currently, no more than one member of the Racing Commission can be from the same county. AM 2162 also requires Racing Commissioners to file a conflict of interest statement and recuse themselves from voting on matters in which there is a

conflict of interest.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson