

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB720

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 18, 2012
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Lautenbaugh
One Liner: Change membership provisions and provide salaries for Class V school boards

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Avery, Janssen, Pahls, Price, Seiler
Nay: 3 Senators Karpisek, Sullivan, Wallman
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
John Spatz
Ben Gray
John Lindsay
Mary Morrissey
Jon Habben

Representing:
Nebraska Association of School Boards
African American Achievement Council
Omaha Public Schools
Self
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Neutral:
Justin Wayne
Senator Ernie Chambers

Representing:
Self
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 720 reduces the Class V board of education from twelve to five members.

The term of office of each member currently serving on the board expires on the first Monday of January 2013. Any eligible voter may file a candidate filing form on or before August 1, 2012 for placement of his or her name on the general election ballot in November 2012.

The bill also provides that no person will be eligible to serve as a member of the board of education of a Class V school district for four years next after the expiration of two consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

Each member of a Class V board of education will receive \$20,000 a year in salary.

The bill includes an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces them with the following provisions:

With the committee amendment, the board of education of a Class V school district will consist of seven members.

The term of office of each member currently serving on the board expires on the first Monday of January 2013.

Any eligible voter may file a candidate filing form on or before August 1, 2012 for placement of his or her name on the general election ballot in November 2012 in the district in which he or she resides.

At the statewide general election in November 2012, members representing odd-numbered districts will be elected for four-year terms and members representing even-numbered districts will be elected for two-year terms.

The twelve numbered districts in existence on the effective date of this act will remain unchanged until January 7, 2013.

The provisions in the original bill regarding term limits and salary for the Class V board members are eliminated in the committee amendment.

The amendment includes an emergency clause.

Bill Avery, Chairperson