

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB921**

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**Chairperson: Senator Amanda McGill**

**Committee: Urban Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2012**

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

LB921 Change provisions relating to Metropolitan Utilities Districts (the District).

Section 14-2109(5) -This section repeals the requirement that the District obtain a bond of not less than \$10,000 on the president's performance.

Section 14-2109 – Any employee's or officer's salary that exceeds \$150,000 (up from \$10,000) per annum must be approved by two-thirds or more of the members of the board.

Section 14-2110 -This defines a permanent employee as an employee who has worked for the District more than one year and removes the section requiring the board to vote unanimously to place every employee in service over one year on a permanent employee list.

This section also allows the president to remove an employee for cause but would allow the employee to appeal to a board committee of three directors who could overrule the president on a two thirds vote. The change would also allow the board to establish procedures for the appeal.

Section 14-2121, allows the Board to create a preference for bidders who own and use vehicles that are fueled by natural gas.

Section 14-2126 – Allows the board to establish its own standards for the placing of hydrants based on a national standard.

Section 14-2138 - This section repeals the District requirement to pay cities of the metropolitan class two percent of the annual gross income from retail sales of gas

and water within the city, except that retail sales of gas shall not include the retail sale of natural gas used as vehicular fuel.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Burke Harr**