

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB726

Hearing Date: Friday January 31, 2014
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Provide for changing the number of school board members in Class II and Class III school districts

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Garrett, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Scheer, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Jim Scheer
John Bonaiuto

Jon Habben

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of School Boards and Nebraska
Council of School Administrators
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 726 changes the number of school board members for Class II and Class III school districts.

With the bill, the school board of a Class II school district will have no fewer than five members and no more than nine members. Currently, Class II school districts have six members.

The number of members to be elected at the statewide general election and the terms for which they will be elected will be determined by the county election official with the aid of the secretary of the school board. Terms will be staggered so that approximately half of the members are elected to the board at the general election for four year terms.

The school board of a Class III school district will have no fewer than five members and no more than nine members. Currently, Class III school districts have either six or nine members.

The school board of a Class II or Class III school district may, by resolution adopted in an odd-numbered year, provide for a change in the number of members on the school board to a minimum of five and a maximum of nine. The change will be effective at the beginning of the term of office for school board members elected at the next statewide general election.

The bill outlines what needs to be included in the resolution including: the change in the number of members to be added or eliminated; when the changes take effect; and whether the members are nominated or elected by district or

ward.

Bill Avery, Chairperson