

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)

LB976

Hearing Date: Friday February 07, 2014
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Adopt the Redistricting Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Wightman, Avery, Campbell, Chambers, Karpisek, Lathrop
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Krist, Adams
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Christensen

Proponents:

Senator Russ Karpisek
John Hanson
Jean Henry Seibel
Ellen Moore

Representing:

Introducer
Farmers Union
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section-by-section Summary of the bill:

Section 1.

Creates the Redistricting Act.

Section 2.

Intent section.

Sections 3 to 15.

Definitions.

Section 16.

Provides several duties for the Director of Legislative Research to perform in order to assist the Independent Redistricting Advisory Commission

Section 17.

Calls for the creation of a six-member Independent Redistricting Advisory Commission, two from each of the three legislative caucus who do not have the same political affiliation.

Section 18.

Creates the Redistricting Fund to be used to support the commission.

Section 19.

The commission ceases to exist following final legislative approval and the Governor's signature, or judicial approval, if applicable, of the redistricting plans. The Director of Research shall submit a report and financial statement when the commission's work is done.

Section 20.

Sets forth the eligibility requirements for members of the commission.

Section 21.

Provides restrictions for members of the commission while serving on the commission and for two years after the latest effective date of any bill passed pursuant to the Redistricting Act.

Section 22.

Sets forth the appointment, approval and removal processes for members of the commission. In addition, each candidate for the commission must file a statement of financial interests and conflict of interest statement with the Accountability & Disclosure Commission.

Section 23.

The commission is charged with adopting substantive and procedural guidelines, holding hearings in different geographic regions of the state, preparing a report to the Executive Board summarizing information and testimony received, and formulating redistricting plans for the respective districts, not to exceed four.

John Wightman, Chairperson