

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB615

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2021
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Erdman
One Liner: Provide for the election of members of the Game and Parks Commission

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Aguilar, Bostelman, Gragert, Hughes, Moser, Jacobson
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting: 2 Senators Cavanaugh, J., Wayne

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Steve Erdman
John Ross

Representing:
Self
Self

Opponents:
Mark Pinicerton
Dan Kreitman
Scott Smathers

Representing:
Self
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:
Kristal Stoner

Representing:
Aubudon Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB615, introduced by Senator Erdman, changes the way the Game and Parks Commissioners become members of the commission. Instead of being appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature, LB615 requires that beginning in 2022, commissioners will be elected statewide on a nonpartisan ballot. Under LB615, members meeting the qualifications of Section 37-101(1) and who derive fifty percent or more of their income from agriculture may be elected to serve staggered terms on the commission.

Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson