

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1014

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 11, 2014
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Murante
One Liner: Change provisions for election of metropolitan utilities district board of directors

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Ashford, Coash, Crawford, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, McGill

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Murante
Rick Cubat
Ron Wanek

Representing:

Self
Metropolitan Utilities District
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1014 is a bill to allow the Board of Directors of a Metropolitan Utilities District to provide for the division of the district into seven election subdivisions, substantially equal in population and containing compact and contiguous territory.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one of the bill amends Neb.Rev.Stat. 14-2102 with new language providing that in the event the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District, by resolution, divides the territory of the district into election subdivisions, a registered voter of the district shall be then eligible for the office of director from the election subdivision in which he or she resides.

Section two amends 14-2103 to add new language to clarify that any and all filings for office, including that of the board of directors of the metropolitan utilities district, must be made with the election commissioner of the county in which the city of the metropolitan class is located, notwithstanding that the person wishing to file lives in a county adjoining the one in which the city of the metropolitan class is located.

Section three of the bill amends 32-540, to include new language allowing the board of directors of a metropolitan to pass a resolution to provide for the division of the territory of the District into seven election subdivisions, that are composed of substantially equal population, and be compact and contiguous territory, and to number the subdivisions consecutively. One member of the board will be elected from each subdivision.

This section also states that if the board undertakes this resolution prior to February 1, 2016, the board of directors shall assign each position on the board of directors to represent a numbered election subdivision for the remainder of the term of office for which the member is elected, REGARDLESS of whether the member resides in that subdivision, and shall make such assignments so that members representing elections one and two hold their offices until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January 2019 or until their electors are elected and qualified. Members representing

election subdivisions three, four and five will hold office until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January 2021 or until their successors are elected and qualified, and members representing election subdivisions six and seven will hold office until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January 2023, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

A successor who resides in the numbered election subdivision shall be nominated and elected at the statewide primary and general elections held in the calendar year prior to the expiration of the term of the member who represents such numbered election subdivision.

After each federal decennial census, the board of directors shall create new boundaries for the election subdivisions, and these shall follow county lines wherever practicable, and shall provide for the subdivisions to be composed of substantially equal population. These lines are also required to follow as nearly as possible the precinct lines created by the election commissioner or county clerk after each federal decennial census.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson