



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Committee Statement
LB 23

Hearing Date: February 10, 2005
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Erdman)

Title: Change eligibility and terms of members of the Game and Parks Commission

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Hudkins, Kopplin, Kremer, Louden, McDonald, Schrock, Smith, Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Phil Erdman
Jeff Metz
Michael Kelsey

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

Joe Herrod
Dick Turpin
Bill Bailey
Phil Sommerfeld

Representing:

Nebraska Council of Sportsmens Clubs
Self
Self
Lincoln Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 23 does the following:

Section 1 (1) Eliminates the requirement that not more than four of the members of the Game and Parks Commission be affiliated with the same political party as of January 1, 2006.

(2) States those members appointed before January 1, 2006 shall have five-year terms; members after that date shall have four-year terms. Unless the governor reappoints the same person, the governor is prohibited from appointing a person from the same county in districts that contain more than one county. Current law prohibits such appointment.

(3) (4) (5) No changes to current law

(6) After January 1, 2006, allows a commissioner to serve two full terms and eliminates a provision that would allow for a commissioner to serve after five years have elapsed since his or her last appointment. Current law only allows a commissioner to serve one five-year term, and then wait until five years have passed since the end of his or her term, before being considered for another appointment to the Game and Parks Commission.

Section 2 Repealer

Explanation of amendments, if any:

None

Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson