



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 291**

Hearing Date: January 25, 2007
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Hansen, 42)
Title: Change the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board membership

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

- 8 Yes Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Fischer, Hudkins, Kopplin, Louden, Wallman
 - 0 No
 - 0 Present, not voting
 - 0 Absent
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Proponents:
Senator Tom Hansen
Michael Kelsey

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:
None

Representing:

Neutral:
Mark Brohman
Ken Winston

Representing:
Nebraska Environmental Trust
Nebraska Chapter, Sierra Club

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 291 does the following:

- Section 1 (1) Reduces the number of citizen members on the Environmental Trust Board to eight. (Currently there are nine.)
Eliminates the requirement that three of the appointees shall be chosen from each congressional district.
 - (2) Requires that one appointee comes from each of the following districts:
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- a. First district – Butler, Cass, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders and Seward counties;
- b. Second district – Douglas County;
- c. Third district – Antelope, Boone, Burt, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Stanton, Thurston, Washington and Wayne counties;
- d. Fourth district – Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Hall, Hamilton, Kearney, Nuckolls, Polk, Thayer, Webster and York counties;
- e. Fifth district – Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Lincoln, Perkins, Phelps and Red Willow counties;
- f. Sixth district – Arthur, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Custer, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Rock, Sherman, Thomas, Valley and Wheeler counties;
- g. Seventh district – Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux counties; and
- h. Eighth district – Lancaster County.

(There was a numbering error; the green copy of the bill shows no subsection (3) but goes to subsection (4).)

(4) The governor shall designate which citizen appointees appointed prior to the effective date of this act represent the new districts, and as the existing terms expire, the appointments shall be made as directed under this act.

Section 2 No change to existing law.

Section 3 Repealer.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment deletes obsolete language in the bill.

Senator LeRoy Loudon, Chairperson