ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB417

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 08, 2011

Committee On: Urban Affairs **Introducer:** Wallman

One Liner: Change the Civil Service Act to extend probationary service for firefighters

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Ashford, Coash, Cook, McGill, Schumacher, Smith

Nay: 1 Senator Krist

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Norm Walman Self

Bill Bowes Municipal Fire Chiefs

Paul Pederson North Platte Fire Department/Nebraska Municipal Fire

Chiefs

Lynn Rex League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents: Representing:

Dave Engler Nebraska Professional Firefighters

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 417 revises Neb.Rev.Stat. 19-1835 subsection (5) to extend the probationary service period of firefighters from three to six months, to not less than six months but not more than one year.

Comments/Analysis:

The civil service act applies to cities of the first class with a population of over 5,000 but less than 40,000, having a full time fire department. Cities of the second class and villages may adopt the civil service act and create a civil service commission by a vote of the people.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson