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2003 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2056

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2056

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 10, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Shirley Borg</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN COOK Called the committee to order. All in attendance.

SENATOR COOK opened the hearing on SB 2056.

SENATOR MATHERN, District 11, introduced the bill. See Attachment.

This bill changes the length of an appointed county park commissioner from one year to three years.

Scott Wagner, Chairman of Cass County Board of County Commissioners, testified in favor of SB 2056. See attached testimony.

SENATOR COOK ask if there was a term limit?

Mr. Wagner answered yes, that their policy limited successive appointments to two terms.

SENATOR SYVERSON asked why the park board commission term is currently one year.

Mr. Wagner replied answered that he did not know.

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SENATOR SYVERSON asked if consideration went to extending the term of service of other commissioner such as the water board.

Mr. Wagner replied that at this time there has been no indication that those serving on the water board that there is any desire to change those.

No testimony in opposition.

Hearing Closed.

SENATOR LEE moved a DO PASS.

SENATOR SYVERSON SECONDED IT.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

SENATOR POLOVITZ will carry the bill.

Discussion by the Committee. Looked at the Amendments to SB 2043. The committee decided to study them and address them next week.

Hearing Adjourned.

Date: 1-10-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2056

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By Senator J. Lee Seconded By Senator Syverson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Dwight Cook, Chairman	X				
Senator John O. Syverson, V C	X				
Senator Gary A. Lee	X				
Senator Judy Lee	X				
Senator Linda Christenson	X				
Senator Michael Polovitz	X				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent None

Floor Assignment Senator Polovitz

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 10, 2003 10:34 a.m.

Module No: SR-04-0423
Carrier: Polovitz
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2056: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2056 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SB 2056

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2056

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date: February 28, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	3.6-11.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Micki Schmidt</i>			3-24-03

Minutes:

TAPE 1: SIDE B:

(3.6) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: We will open the hearing on SB 2056.

(3.6) SEN. TIM MATHERN: (Testimony in support) (See attachment #1) This is really only a bill that is just a matter of responding to the reality of today's situation and making sure that if we have citizens who are willing to serve, let's make sure that they have a term long enough to out bind bare initiatives and get those things done.

(5.3) SCOTT WAGNER; CHAIRMAN OF CASS COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS:

(Testimony in support) (See attachment #2)

(6.6) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: I would presume that people that are appointed for this one year term are re-appointed for more than one year anyway?

(6.70) SCOTT WAGNER: Yes, in fact we just re-appointed one for another year.

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House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: February 28, 2003

(7.2) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: As far I can see there are no limits for the number of years that you can serve.

(7.3) SCOTT WAGNER: Actually in Cass County our policy is that recurrent citizens be limited to two terms if it's a three year appointment or more, and three terms for boards less than three years. Some individuals come forward and asked to be considered.

(7.6) REP. MARY EKSTROM: Do you think that you stagger these?

(7.9) SCOTT WAGNER: How it's structured is the majority of the board, all five members are the actual elected county commission, the two are appointed, either way it would benefit.

(8.3) REP. DALE SEVERSON: Do you look at this as an disadvantage?

(8.4) SCOTT WAGNER: In fact the opposite. What we have found is the individuals that we currently have on there are individuals that have applied previous years and then it's just a formality of accepting them again. I see it as a benefit.

(9.6) TERRY TRAYNOR: ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES: We just want to say that we are in support of this bill.

(9.8) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Further testimony in support? Opposition? Seeing none, we will close the hearing on SB 2056.

(10.0) REP. RON IVERSON: I MOVE A DO PASS.

(10.2) REP. ALON WIELAND: I SECOND IT.

(10.2) CHAIRMAN GLEN FROSETH: Any discussion? Seeing none, I will ask the clerk take the Roll Call Vote: 14-y; 0-n; 0-absent; Carrier: Rep. Pietsch. (11.0)

Date: 2-28-03
Roll Call Vote #: 4

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2056

House POLITICAL SUBDIVISION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Move A DO PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Iverson Seconded By Rep. Wieland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	✓				
Vice-Chairman Nancy Johnson	✓				
Rep. Mike Grosz	✓				
Rep. Gil Herbel	✓				
Rep. Ron Iverson	✓				
Rep. William Kretschmar	✓				
Rep. Andrew Maragos	✓				
Rep. Dale Severson	✓				
Rep. Alon Wieland	✓				
Rep. Bruce Eckre	✓				
Rep. Mary Ekstrom	✓				
Rep. Carol Niemeler	✓				
Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓				
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Pietsch

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 28, 2003 11:41 a.m.

Module No: HR-36-3652
Carrier: Pletsch
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2056: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2056 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

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Testimony
SB 2056
Senator Tim Mathern

Chairman Cook and members of the Political Subdivisions Committee. I am Tim Mathern, Senator from District 11 in Fargo.

Thank you for hearing SB 2056. This bill simply changes the length of an appointed county park commissioner from one year to three years. Note the change on line ten. The other changes are regarding style only.

I introduced this bill at the request of my home county commissioners. As I understand, their rationale is that a term of one year is too short to complete initiatives of a park commissioner.

Others may be here to testify but I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I ask for a do pass recommendation from your committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Senate Political Subdivision Committee
SB 2056 – Appointment of County Park Board Members

Board of County Commissioners

Scott Wagner
Fargo, North Dakota

Vern Bennett
Fargo, North Dakota

John Meyer
Fargo, North Dakota

Darrell W. Vanyo
Fargo, North Dakota

Robyn Sorum
Horace, North Dakota

Senate Bill 2056 changes the appointment term for the non-commission members of the county park board. Currently, the county park board is made up of seven members in Cass County – five county commissioners and two residents of the county appointed by the county commission. This change in state law would allow the county commission to appoint park board members for a term of three years, instead of the current one year.

A longer appointment would make it easier for the county to attract park board members who are interested in seeing park district improvements made. Many times, these improvements occur over a period of several years due to planning, grant applications, and funding issues. The appointed park board members are usually the board members that bring forward new ideas for park improvements. These board members need to be assured that they will have a long enough term to see the projects completed. Currently, the two non-commission members must reapply each year and are generally reappointed, since we often have difficulty filling board positions. Increasing the length of terms would reduce the number of times a board member needs to reapply.

The county appoints members of other boards with longer terms, such as the Water Resource Boards – 3 year terms, Vector Control Board -- 5 year terms, Weed Control Board – 4 year terms, Planning Commission – 4 year terms, and the School Reorganization Committee with a 3 year term.

Cass County does encourage citizen participation on boards by limiting successive appointments to two terms for boards of 3 years or more and three terms for boards of less than 3 years.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 2056.

Same testimony given to the House

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TESTIMONY
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I introduced this bill at the request of my home county commissioners. The rationale is that a term of one year is too short to complete initiatives of a park commissioner, that projects taken on are generally longer than one year in duration, and that other commissioner appointed boards are for more years. This bill permits counties to support citizens willing to serve.

Others may be here to testify but I am happy to answer any questions you may have. I ask for a **DO PASS** recommendation from your committee.

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