

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB154**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 20, 2011  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Janssen  
**One Liner:** Change procedures for filling vacancies on natural resources districts boards

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Smith
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

Senator Charlie Janssen  
Shawn Melotz

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Papio Valley Preservation Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

John Winkler  
John K. Hansen

**Representing:**

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
Nebraska Farmers Union

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 154 changes the way natural resources districts board vacancies are to be handled depending on the length of the vacated unexpired term.

Section 1 amends 2-3215, relating to natural resources districts board vacancies, by requiring the board of directors to give notice in writing to the Secretary of State and the public via publication or posting. It also adds a new procedure for vacancies when one occurs in the first year of the unexpired term, or prior to August 1 of the second year of the unexpired term. In such case, the appointee is to serve until the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January after the next regular general election. At that regular general election, a director will be elected to serve the unexpired term.

However, if the vacancy occurs after August 1 of the second year, or during the third or fourth year of the unexpired term, the appointee is to serve until the term expires.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

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