

2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1115**AMENDMENT 1115B FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to revise the qualifications of Game, Fish and Parks commissioners.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That § 41-2-2 be AMENDED.

4 **41-2-2. Farmer members--Residence--Gross income requirements.**

5 ~~Not more than four~~ All of the game, fish and parks commissioners may not be
6 members of the same political party, and, at,

7 At the time of their appointment, at least four game, fish and parks commissioners
8 shall be farmers actually residing on a farm or working primarily on a farm, engaged in
9 agriculture, deriving at least two-thirds of their gross annual incomes from crop or
10 livestock production or both, and interested in wildlife conservation.

11 At the time of ~~their~~ appointment, three commissioners shall reside west of the
12 Missouri River and five shall reside east of the Missouri River.

13 **Section 2.** That § 41-2-3 be AMENDED.

14 **41-2-3. Terms of office of commissioners--Annual appointments--**
15 **Restrictions on appointments.**

16 The term of office of the game, fish and parks commissioners is four years. The
17 Governor shall preserve:

18 ~~(1) An~~ an arrangement of length of terms whereby two members have terms expiring
19 each year;

20 ~~(2) A rotation of terms between the republican and democratic parties.~~

21 The expiration of terms occurs on the tenth day of January of each year, and all
22 required appointments ~~shall~~ must be made by the first day of March. The appointments
23 ~~shall~~ must fill all vacancies on the commission arising either by expiration of term or from
24 any other cause.

1 No person may serve on the commission for more than eight years. ~~However, if~~ If the
2 person's first appointment is for two years, the person may be reappointed thereafter for
3 no more than two additional four-year terms.