

## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1115****AMENDMENT 1115D 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~~**  
5 **Commission composition.**

6 Not more than four of the ~~game, fish and parks commissioners~~ may be members  
7 of the same political party, and, at ~~At the time of their appointment, a commissioner must~~  
8 ~~be a resident of the state.~~, at least

9 Appointments to the game, fish and parks commission shall remain reflective of  
10 the political party affiliation in the South Dakota Senate at the time of the current  
11 Governor's election.

12 Not more than four ~~game, fish and parks commissioners~~ shall be farmers  
13 agricultural producers actually residing on a farm or working primarily on a farm, engaged  
14 in agriculture, deriving at least two-thirds of their gross annual incomes from crop or  
15 livestock production or both, and interested in wildlife conservation. At the time of their  
16 appointment, no more than two of the agricultural producers shall reside west of the  
17 Missouri River and no more than two shall reside east of the Missouri River.

18 At the time of their appointment, three commissioners shall reside west of the  
19 Missouri River and five shall reside east of the Missouri River.

20 At least four commissioners, who are not agricultural producers, must actively  
21 hunt, fish and or camp, and shall have purchased a license and or permit to do so in the  
22 state of South Dakota three of the preceding four years.

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

1           **41-2-3. Terms of office of commissioners--Annual appointments--**  
2           **Restrictions on appointments.**

3           The term of office of the game, fish and parks commissioners is four years. The  
4           Governor shall preserve+

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

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

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

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