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HOUSE BILL NO. 1182

Introduced by: Representatives Pischke, Finck, Goodwin, and Otten (Herman) and Senators Nelson and Otten (Ernie)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require a balanced and representative membership on
2 the Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

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

4 Section 1. That § 41-2-1 be amended to read:

5 41-2-1. There is hereby continued the department of state government known as the
6 Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and a commission comprised of eight members, appointed
7 by the Governor as provided in § 41-2-3, and subject to confirmation by the State Senate. The
8 Governor and the Senate shall ensure that:

- 9 (1) No more than four commissioners are members of the same political party;
10 (2) Three commissioners reside west of the Missouri River and five commissioners
11 reside east of the Missouri River;
12 (3) Four commissioners are farmers who reside on or work primarily on a family farm
13 and derive at least two-thirds of their gross annual income from agriculture; and
14 (4) The commission has a balanced and representative membership and includes persons
15 who by specific training and experience have familiarity with:



- 1 (a) Wildlife and fisheries management and advocacy;
- 2 (b) Natural resource and environmental management and advocacy;
- 3 (c) Land acquisition and management; and
- 4 (d) Local, regional, and statewide commercial impacts related to recreational
5 activities including camping, fishing, and hunting.

6 Section 2. That § 41-2-2 be repealed.

7 ~~41-2-2. Not more than four of the game, fish and parks commissioners may be members of~~
8 ~~the same political party, and, at the time of their appointment, at least four shall be farmers~~
9 ~~actually residing on a farm or working primarily on a farm, engaged in agriculture, deriving at~~
10 ~~least two-thirds of their gross annual incomes from crop or livestock production or both, and~~
11 ~~interested in wildlife conservation. At the time of their appointment three commissioners shall~~
12 ~~reside west of the Missouri River and five shall reside east of the Missouri River.~~