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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1055** - 2/18/2010

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Game,  
Fish and Parks

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the appointment of  
2 members to the Game, Fish and Parks Commission.

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

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

5 41-2-2. ~~Not~~ Of the eight members of the Game, Fish and Parks Commission, no more than  
6 ~~four of the game, fish and parks commissioners~~ may be members of the same political party,  
7 ~~and, at no fewer than three may be members of the republican party, and no fewer than three~~  
8 may be members of the democratic party. At the time of their appointment, at least four shall  
9 be farmers ~~actually residing on a farm or ranchers~~, engaged in agriculture, deriving at least two-  
10 thirds of their gross annual incomes from crop or livestock production or both, and interested  
11 in wildlife conservation. At the time of their appointment three commissioners shall reside west  
12 of the Missouri River and five shall reside east of the Missouri River.

13 Section 2. That § 41-2-3 be amended to read as follows:

14 41-2-3. The term of office of the game, fish and parks commissioners is four years. The  
15 Governor shall preserve:



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

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

4 The expiration of terms occurs on the tenth day of January of each year, and all required  
5 appointments shall be made by the first day of March. The appointments shall fill all vacancies  
6 on the commission arising either by expiration of term or from any other cause. No person may  
7 serve on the commission for more than eight years. However, if the person's first appointment  
8 is for two years the person may be reappointed thereafter for no more than two additional four-  
9 year terms.