

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 279CA

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Committee: Judiciary

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA,
2 SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, the following
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To add a new section 27 to Article XV:

7 XV-27 The Legislature shall enact all laws necessary to protect and
8 provide for the physical security of first responders throughout the
9 State of Nebraska, which shall include police officers, sheriffs, deputy
10 sheriffs, firefighters, emergency medical providers, Department of Health
11 and Human Services employees, health care professionals, correctional
12 officers, and Nebraska National Guard members while deployed within the
13 State of Nebraska. To that end, the Legislature shall enact laws
14 providing that:

15 (1) Any individual who is convicted of a criminal offense involving
16 assault on a first responder resulting in serious physical injury to the
17 first responder shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of
18 twenty-five years; and

19 (2) Any individual who is convicted of murder in the first degree or
20 murder in the second degree of a first responder during the commission of
21 another criminal offense shall be sentenced to a minimum term of life
22 imprisonment.

23 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors

1 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
2 section 1, with the following ballot language:

3 A constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to enact laws
4 providing for a minimum sentence of twenty-five years' imprisonment for
5 certain assaults on first responders and a minimum sentence of life
6 imprisonment for certain offenses involving murder of a first responder.

7 For

8 Against.