



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 39**

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**Hearing Date:** January 17, 2007

**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (Schimek, 27)

**Title:** Provide restrictions relating to petition circulation and change campaign reporting provisions

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert
0	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator Friend
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator DiAnna Schimek  
Lynn Rex  
Frank Daley

Pat Loontjer  
Neal Erickson  
Ruth Lienemann  
Lyle Japp  
Kathy Holkeboer

**Opponents:**

Kent Bernbeck  
David Nabity  
Susan Smith

Mike Groene  
Steve Willey  
Paul Schumacher  
John Hassett  
John Copenhaver  
Jim Tierney

**Representing:**

Introducer  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure  
Commission  
Gambling with the Good Life  
Secretary of State  
Self  
Gambling with the Good Life, Inc.  
Self

**Representing:**

Self  
Self  
Self  
Nebraskans Advisory Group  
Western Nebraska Taxpayers Association  
Validation Services, Inc.  
Self  
Validation Services  
Self  
Self

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**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 39 makes several changes to petition circulation.

The first change requires circulators of initiative, referendum and recall petitions to be “electors.” Elector is defined both in the Nebraska Constitution and state statute. As defined, an elector is a citizen of the United States who resides within the state and who is at least eighteen years of age or will be eighteen years of age on or before the general election.

The second change prohibits paying petition circulators based on the number of signatures collected.

Finally, LB 39 clarifies that the campaign statement required under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act will include the total amount paid to petition circulators during the reporting period, but will not include the name, address or telephone number of any individual petition circulator.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment removes provisions requiring petition circulators to be electors.

The amendment also harmonizes provisions by replacing the phrase “entity or individual” with “person.” Person is a defined term within the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act which includes individuals and almost every type of entity.

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**Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson**