

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB169

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2013

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 169 allows a district court clerk in a county having a population of more than 50,000 but not more than 200,000 to fulfill the duties of jury commissioner at the discretion of that county's district court judges and allows, but does not require, the judges to offer additional compensation for those duties.

Currently, two counties in Nebraska are in this population range – Sarpy and Hall.

In 2010, on behalf of Sarpy County, the law was changed to transfer these duties from the district court clerk to either an election commissioner or a separate jury commissioner, plus the upper end of the population range was changed from 150,000 to 200,000.

With the last census, Hall County moved into the above 50,000 population range and therefore became governed by 25-1625 (3). In the under 50,000 population category governed by 25-165 (2) the district court clerk is given the duties of jury commissioner. Although Hall County now falls into the larger population range, they do not have the need to change how the duties of jury commissioner are fulfilled and wish to keep the duties with their clerk of the district court. LB 169 allows both options.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Gloor