## ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB465

Hearing Date: Friday February 20, 2015

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Harr

One Liner: Adopt the Electronic Notary Public Act

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Hansen, McCoy, Murante

Nay: 1 Senator Groene

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Larson

**Verbal Testimony:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Burke Harr Introducer

Heidi Proskocil Nebraska Land Title Association
Marcy Wagner Nebraska Land Title Association

David Cary City of Lincoln

Korby Gilbertson Nebraska Realtors Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral:Representing:Colleen ByelickSecretary of State

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 465 would adopt the Electronic Notary Public Act. This act sets up rules and regulations for an individual to become an electronic notary public, allowing electronic documents to be signed and notarized electronically. The act sets up the process, including registering with the Secretary of State, payment of fees, and other requirements.

## **Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amended LB 465 to clarify the Electronic Notary Public Act takes precedence over the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act in certain instances, places an operative date of July 1, 2016, and clarifies the definition of "electronic notary solution provider."

The committee amendment also establishes a cap on the fee charged to cover the cost of administration at one hundred dollars and establishes that technology used to perform an electronic notarial act will be provided by an electronic notary solution provider as approved by the Secretary of State.

Finally, the committee amendment makes several technical changes.

John Murante, Chairperson