

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396**

Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; McKinney, 11; Slama, 1; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the funding needs of the Commission on Public Advocacy and to find a long-term funding solution. The study may include, but is not limited to:

(1) Reviewing existing statutes that direct funding to the Commission on Public Advocacy;

(2) Examining the trends in Nebraska case filings over the last fifteen years and the impact that such trends have on the Commission on Public Advocacy;

(3) Reviewing other possible funding mechanisms in addition to filing fees for the Commission on Public Advocacy, including the state General Fund or other cash funds;

(4) Determining whether the Commission on Public Advocacy could take on additional cases with additional funding; and

(5) Examining the amount of property tax relief that the Commission on Public Advocacy has provided through its legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.