

AMENDMENTS TO LR279CA

Introduced by Judiciary.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

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, as defined by the  
9 Legislature, throughout the State of Nebraska, which shall include, but  
10 need not be limited to, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency  
11 medical providers, health care professionals, correctional officers, and  
12 Nebraska National Guard members while deployed within the State of  
13 Nebraska. To that end, the Legislature shall enact laws providing that:

14           (1) Any individual, other than a minor, may be sentenced to a  
15 minimum term of imprisonment of twenty-five years if such individual is  
16 convicted of a criminal offense involving assault on a first responder  
17 that (a) is committed while the first responder is engaged in the  
18 performance of his or her official duties and (b) results in serious  
19 physical injury to the first responder; and

20           (2) Any individual, other than a minor, may be sentenced to a  
21 minimum term of life imprisonment if such individual is convicted of  
22 murder in the first degree or murder in the second degree of a first  
23 responder that is committed (a) while the first responder is engaged in  
24 the performance of his or her official duties and (b) during the  
25 commission of another criminal offense.

26           Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
27 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,

1 section 1, with the following ballot language:

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

7 For

8 Against.