

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB533**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 21, 2023  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** McKinney  
**One Liner:** Change plumbing board membership for cities of the primary class and provide for licensure requirements for plumbers in certain cities and villages

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

Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Blood, Cavanaugh, J., Day, Hunt, McKinney
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Lowe, Hardin

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator McKinney  
Chad Blahah  
Christy Abraham

**Representing:**

District#11  
City of Lincoln  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 533 would change plumbing board memberships for cities of the primary class by increasing the number of members on the plumbing boards from five to seven members. LB 533 also provides for licensure requirements for plumbers in certain cities and villages.

**Background & Legislative History:**

Current Nebraska law requires plumbing boards to exist within cities and villages. Cities of the metropolitan class require eight board members, primary cities require five board members, and cities of the first and second class and villages require no less than four board members. Additionally, current law necessitates certain certifications and requirements for the board members.

**Section-by-Section Summary:**

Section 1 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 18-1901 by increasing the number of members on the plumbing boards in primary class cities from five (5) to seven (7) members. Additionally, it alters requirements for membership on the board,

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including increasing the number of master plumbers on the board from one (1) to two (2), adding a master gas fitter, and a registered water conditioning contractor. The master gas fitter and registered water conditioning contractor are to be appointed by the mayor with city council's approval.

Section 1 also amends current law by saying that four voting members of the board constitute a quorum for cities of the primary class.

Section 2 adds a provision to Neb. Rev. Stat. 18-1907 saying nothing shall prohibit a city or village without a plumbing board from requiring the licensure of plumbers.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

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Terrell McKinney, Chairperson