

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LR20CA**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 22, 2023**

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

LR 20 CA would give Nebraska voters the option to amend the constitution to provide for a specific fundamental right to individual privacy that could not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest. A right to individual privacy has long been recognized in American common law, state and federal law, state and federal constitutional provisions, and state and federal court decisions interpreting these protections.

A constitutional right to privacy is necessary to protect individuals against government overreach, unless the government can show a compelling interest to intrude or restrict the right. This is a necessary protection for matters related, but not limited to, free speech and free association; family, parental rights, and marriage; education and freedom from censorship; government surveillance, police practices, and criminal prosecution; healthcare and bodily autonomy; and other matters.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Danielle Conrad**