

LEGISLATIVE BILL 588

Approved by the Governor March 8, 1988

Introduced by Withem, 14

AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 49-235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to provide for selection of delegates to county conventions by precinct caucus; to change a time restriction on when a special state election may be held; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Delegates to county conventions of political parties may be elected at precinct caucuses held in each presidential election year. The state central committee of each political party shall set the date for the caucus, and the county chairperson for each party shall issue the call. Each county chairperson shall file with the election commissioner or county clerk, if there is no election commissioner, notice of the meeting place of such caucus at least ten days prior to the date of the caucus. The state central committee of each party shall draft rules of procedure to be followed at each caucus.

For purposes of this section, caucus shall mean a meeting of the legal voters of any political party assembled for the purpose of choosing delegates to the county convention.

Sec. 2. That section 49-235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

49-235. A special state election may be called by the vote of four-fifths of the members elected to the Legislature for the purpose of submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution to the electors. Such election shall be held on a date specified by the Legislature, which date shall fall on a Tuesday and be not less than ~~seventy-five~~ sixty days after passage of the act calling such election.

Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act shall become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of the Ninetieth Legislature, Second Session. The other sections of this act shall become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 4. That original section 49-235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.