

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 472

Introduced by Avery, 28.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issue of using electronic and digital signatures on initiative and referendum petitions. In 2010, LB 1059 was heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill required the Secretary of State to design a system to allow electors to use digital or electronic signatures to sign initiative and referendum petitions via the Internet.

The issues to be examined by the interim study will include, but are not limited to, determining what other states are doing regarding digital and electronic signatures for initiative and referendum petitions and studying the current technology in this area and whether the current technology will allow for the safe and secure use of such signatures on initiative and referendum petitions.

Representatives of the Secretary of State's office and county officials, along with other interested parties, will be invited to participate in this interim study.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.