

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB117**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 21, 2011**

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

LB 117 changes the publication requirements for constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature and initiative and referendum measures. The bill requires a notice be placed in the newspaper directing citizens to a Secretary of State website where the full text of the constitutional amendment or initiative and referendum measures can be read.

In the Nebraska constitution, as well as in statute, there is a requirement that constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature be published in at least one newspaper in each county for three consecutive weeks. There is no similar constitutional provision for initiative and referendum measures, although there is a statutory requirement that such measures be published in all legal newspapers in the state for three consecutive weeks.

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

Senator Bill Avery