

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB311

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 30, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Change filing requirements for official bonds and oaths

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Price
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Jim Scheer
Elaine Menzel

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Current law requires all officers elected at any general election to file an official bond, with their oath, in the proper office not later than 10 days before the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January next succeeding the election.

LB 311 provides that county officers are not required to comply with these timing requirements with their official bond if the county provides a schedule, position, or blanket bond covering all county officers. The county officers will file their oaths of office in the proper office prior to the beginning of their term of office. Also, language is added that official bonds will be filed of all officers elected at any general election following receipt of their election certificate.

The bill also provides that the filing of the bond with the oath does not authorize a person to take any official action prior to the beginning of his or her term of office.

Finally, the bill exempts county officers whose county provides a schedule, position or blanket bond covering the county officers from the statute outlining the process for when an elected official fails to file a bond as provided by law.

Bill Avery, Chairperson