

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB833

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 29, 2014
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Dubas
One Liner: Change selection provisions for county surveyors

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:

Senator Annette Dubas
Terry Keebler
Larry Dix

Representing:

Introducer
Johnson County
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

LaVern Schroeder
Danny Martinez
Gene Thomsen
Duane Katt

Representing:

Professional Surveyor of Nebraska
Professional Engineers Coalition
Self
Katt Surveying

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Except when county offices are consolidated, in each county having a population of less than 150,000 inhabitants, the question of electing a county surveyor in the county will be submitted to the voters of the county at the statewide general election in 2020.

If a majority of votes cast are against the election of a county surveyor, the office of county surveyor will cease as an elected office. The office will be filled by the county board employing a surveyor on a part-time or full-time basis.

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the election of a county surveyor, the office will continue to be elected. If there is no county surveyor in the office, a county surveyor will be elected at the next general election.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment adds two provisions to the bill.

First, the amendment provides that if a county has an elected surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the county board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor

and not to submit the question to the voters at the statewide general election in 2020.

Secondly, the amendment allows a county board, beginning in 2021, to submit the question of electing a county surveyor to the registered voters if the county board adopts a resolution or a petition is signed by at least 10% of the registered voters of the county. The form of the submission upon the ballot will be: for election of county surveyor; against election of county surveyor.

If a majority of the votes are against the election of a county surveyor, the office will cease as an elected office and the county board will employ a surveyor. If a majority of votes are in favor of the election of a county surveyor, the office will continue to be elected, or if there is no elected surveyor in office, the surveyor will be elected at the next statewide general election.

Bill Avery, Chairperson