## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 403**

Introduced by Davis, 43.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-960, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions regarding
- 3 elections conducted by mail; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-960, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2014, is amended to read:
- 3 32-960 (1) In any county with less than ten thousand inhabitants,
- 4 the county clerk may apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots as
- 5 provided in subsection (2) of this section for all elections held after
- 6 approval of the application to registered voters of any or all of the
- 7 precincts in the county in lieu of establishing polling places for such
- 8 precincts. The application shall include a written plan for the conduct
- 9 of the election, including a timetable for the conduct of the election
- 10 and provisions for the notice of election to be published and for the
- 11 application for ballots for early voting notwithstanding other statutory
- 12 provisions regarding the content and publication of a notice of election
- 13 or the application for ballots for early voting. If the Secretary of
- 14 State approves such application for one or more precincts in the county,
- 15 the county clerk shall follow the applicable procedures in sections
- 16 32-953 to 32-959 for conducting elections by mail, except that the
- 17 deadline for receipt of the ballots shall be 8 p.m. on the day of the
- 18 election.
- 19 (2) The county clerk shall indicate on the application whether the
- 20 plan is to mail ballots to all precincts or to less than all precincts
- 21 within the county. If the plan is to mail ballots to less than all
- 22 precincts within the county, such ballots shall only include candidates
- 23 for federal office or for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
- 24 Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, or
- 25 Attorney General or ballot questions as defined in section 49-1405 and
- 26 polling places shall be established in all precincts to issue separate
- 27 ballots for nominating or electing any other candidate at such elections.
- Sec. 2. Original section 32-960, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 29 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.