

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 530

Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: In order to ensure a fair voting process for citizens who are hospitalized or who reside in nursing homes or extended care facilities, it is important to periodically reevaluate the process such individuals use to cast their ballots. Under current Nebraska law, local election officials bear primary responsibility for adopting voting procedures for such citizens.

Neb. Rev. Stat. section 32-944 authorizes the election commissioner or county clerk to train registered voters to act on his or her behalf in administering a ballot to a resident of a nursing home or hospital who has requested a ballot. Section 32-944 further provides that such ballots shall be administered by two registered voters who are not affiliated with the same political party. Finally, the section requires the election commissioner or county clerk to adopt procedures to carry out the section.

The purpose of this interim study is to examine the voting processes and procedures available for citizens who are hospitalized or who reside in nursing homes or extended care facilities and determine whether legislation is needed to bring clarity and uniformity to the law and to ensure a fair and honest voting process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH 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.