

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB602**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 4, 2015**

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

LB 602 makes two changes to the Judges Retirement Act. The court fee that is dedicated to the Judges Retirement Fund is increased from six dollars to eight dollars beginning July 1, 2015. It also places the eight dollar court fee on cases referred to pre-trial diversion programs.

This dedicated court fee is intended to fund the "employer contribution match" for the Judges' Retirement System. Revenue from court fees has decreased in the last four years due to a number of issues, including the increase in the number of cases that are diverted to pre-trial diversion programs.

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

**Senator Jeremy Nordquist, Chairperson  
Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee**