

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB127

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2017
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Change notice requirements under Open Meetings Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Brewer, Briese, Hilgers, Lowe, Wayne
Nay:	2	Senators Blood, Murante
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Craighead

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Mike Groene

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
Larry Dix
Lynn Rex
John Bonaiuto
Chris Dibbern
Bob Hilske

Jim Timm
Kyle Shepherd
Jack Cheloha
Tracy Juranek

Representing:
Nebraska Association of County Officials
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Nebraska Broadcasters Association
NCORPE
City of Omaha
League Association of Risk Management

Neutral:
Curtis Kayton

Bo Botelho
Allen Beermann
Greg Adams
Frank Daley

Representing:
Southwest Public Power District and Nebraska Rural
Electric Association
Department of Administrative Services
Nebraska Press Association
Nebraska Community College Association
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 127 requires public bodies to give notice of meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in each county within the public body's jurisdiction. Public bodies may also continue to give notice by another method in addition to publication, but must record the methods and dates of notice in their minutes.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 646 replaces the original bill, but only differs in two ways.

First, it clarifies that the publication requirement only applies to one paper of general circulation in the public body's jurisdiction, not a paper in each county within that jurisdiction.

Second, it requires that notice also be given by a digital advertisement on the applicable newspaper's website, if it has a website.

John Murante, Chairperson