

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB508**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 22, 2017  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Hilgers  
**One Liner:** Change the population threshold for the county civil service system

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Briese, Craighead, Hilgers, Lowe, Murante, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Mike Hilgers  
Kerry Eagan

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Lancaster County

**Opponents:**  
Larry Carr  
Rick DeBoer

**Representing:**  
AFSCME Local 2468  
AFSCME 2468

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 508 changes the upper population threshold for the county civil service system from 300,000 to 400,000.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 658 does not make changes to the original bill, but makes 2 changes to the policy personnel board of a county civil service commission.

First, the amendment reforms the membership of the board. Currently, the board is comprised of two members appointed by the County Board, two members appointed by the elected department heads, and two members appointed by classified employees covered by the personnel system. The amendment would remove one of the members appointed by the County Board, and one of the members appointed by the elected department heads.

Second, it makes changes to the quorum requirement for the personnel board. Under the amendment, three members of the board would constitute a quorum. However, the member appointed by the County Board, and the member appointed by the elected department heads must be present in order for a quorum to exist.

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The changes would take effect on January 1, 2018.

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John Murante, Chairperson