

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB709

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 13, 2018
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Baker
One Liner: Change provisions relating to city and village plumbing boards and change a penalty

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Crawford, Hansen, Howard, Quick, Wayne
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Larson, Riepe

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Roy Baker
Tobias Tempelmeyer
Christy Abraham
Jay G. Davis

Representing:

Legislative District #30
City of Beatrice
League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Omaha

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 709 would update and modernize the statutes governing municipal plumbing boards. The bill would make a variety of "clean-up" changes, including:

- Extending the term of office for plumbers serving on plumbing boards from three years to four years
 - Eliminating the requirement that plumbing boards be appointed in August of each year
 - Eliminating the requirement that plumbing boards meet every two weeks
 - Allowing fees for plumbing licenses and variances to be set by the city council or village board of trustees
 - Providing that plumbing licenses shall be good for two years from the date of issuance
 - Increasing fine amounts for violations of the plumbing board statutes
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Explanation of amendments:

AM 1879 makes several technical changes to the bill:

- Reinstates the option for one-year plumbing licenses
 - Provides that cities and villages may apply other applicable regulations, such as continuing education, as part of plumbing licensing
 - Makes various other clean-up and harmonizing changes
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Justin Wayne, Chairperson