

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 417

Introduced by McCollister, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine whether inmates in county jails, who are eligible to vote, are being unconstitutionally disenfranchised due to their circumstances.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following issues:

(1) A review of existing county jail procedures for individuals who wish to exercise their right to vote while incarcerated;

(2) Potential solutions and the cost to ensure access to the right to vote for the thousands of individuals who are housed in county jails during elections; and

(3) Other possible alternatives, such as installing ballot drop boxes at county jails or designating some county jails as vote centers during elections.

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