

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR279CA

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 22, 2020
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Constitutional amendment to authorize an increase in the number of members of the Legislature

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
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Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Hilgers, Hughes, Kolterman, Lowe, McCollister, Scheer
Nay:	1	Senator Bolz
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Chambers, Vargas

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Jim Scheer

Representing:

Self

Opponents:

Danielle Conrad

Representing:

ACLU

Neutral:

John Cartier

Representing:

Civic Nebraska

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Summary of the Resolution:

At the general election in November 2020, voters would be given an opportunity to increase the maximum number of members of the Legislature not to exceed 55. Any increase in the number of members would require an act of the Legislature.

Currently, the maximum number of senators authorized by the Nebraska Constitution is 50. (Article III, section 6.)

Past Legislation:

LR313CA was introduced in 1998. It would also have increased the maximum number of legislators to 55. LR313CA was indefinitely postponed at the end of session.

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/Intro/LR279CA.pdf>

Mike Hilgers, Chairperson