

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB9

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 09, 2021
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Change annexation requirements and property tax special valuation provisions

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Blood, Briese, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Carol Blood
Mayor Rusty Hike
Joseph D. Kohout
Christy Abraham

Representing:

Legislative District 3
City of Bellevue
United Cities of Sarpy County
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 9 would provide that for purpose of annexation by cities of the first class, lands, lots, tracts, streets, and highways shall be deemed contiguous although property owned by the federal government or a natural resources district lies between the lands, lots, tracts, streets, and highways and the corporate limits of the city.

LB 9 would also provide that agricultural or horticultural land located within the corporate boundaries of a city or village may be eligible for special valuation if the land is subject to air installation compatible use zone regulations or if the land is within a flood plain.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 231 makes several changes to the bill, including:

- Limits applicability of the bill to cities of the first class located in a county in which at least three cities of the first class are located
 - Limits the change to property deemed contiguous to the corporate limits so that it only applies if property owned by the federal government lies between the newly-annexed area and the corporate limits of the city
 - Provides that any annexation of territory deemed contiguous under the bill would not result in any change to the service
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area of any electric utility without the express agreement of the electric utility serving the newly-annexed area at the time of annexation

Justin Wayne, Chairperson