

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB47**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 26, 2023  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Dorn  
**One Liner:** Change notice requirements under the Open Meetings Act for certain fire districts

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Myron Dorn  
Eric Johnson  
Kevin Edwards  
Jerry Stilmock

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Firth Rural Fire Protection District  
Papillion Rural Fire District, Millard Suburban Fire District  
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter Association and  
Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association

**Opponents:**

Dennis DeRossett

**Representing:**

Nebraska Press Association

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

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

This bill would amend the Open Meetings Act to authorize rural fire districts to prominently post notice of their meetings in three conspicuous places instead of the current requirement in Section 84-1411 to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the public body's jurisdiction.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson