

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB514

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Change provisions relating to elections

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders
Nay:	1	Senator Conrad
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Hunt

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Wayne Bena
Brian Kruse
Tracy Overstreet

Beth Bazyn Ferrell
West Blecke

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Secretary of State
Douglas County/NACO Election Commissioners and Clerks
Hall County & NACO County Clerks, Register of Deeds and
Election Commissioners Election Law Committee
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)
City of Wayne and League of Nebraska Municipalities

Representing:

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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Summary:

This bill is the annual omnibus elections cleanup and update bill containing changes recommended by the Nebraska Secretary of State. It includes suggested revisions to the Election Act including procedures for petitions, updates to electioneering, transmission options for certain voter registration documents, requirements for third party return envelopes for voter registrations and early voting ballot requests, voter lists for jury selection, maps furnished by political subdivisions, deadlines for name removal affidavits, addition or removal of sponsors of a petition, provides a penalty for false swearing, notices of election, procedures for persons who became a naturalized citizen after the voter registration deadline, early voting ballot delivery, payment of recall election costs, and filing officers for recall petitions.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 853 to LB 514

The committee amendment proposed to LB 514 incorporates the provisions of LB 313, relating to the procedure for filling federal congressional vacancies, and LB 269, which would return redistricting procedure deadlines to their state prior to the adjustments that had to be made in 2021 to accommodate the late delivery of federal census data to the states.

The committee amendment also revises provisions of the original LB 514 as follows. It modifies Section 12 to provide clarifying information relating to candidate names used on candidate filing forms. In Section 14, it replaces the informal phrase "paperwork documenting" in two places with the more descriptive "documentation verifying," and it describes the procedure for objections made to name changes. Finally, the amendment revises Section 18 of the original bill to entirely remove obsolete references in existing law to a wife's using her husband's name when signing a petition.

The committee voted to adopt AM 853 on an 6-2 vote

Voting Aye: Aguilar, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

Voting Nay: Conrad, Hunt

Testifiers on LB 313:

Proponents: Wayne Bena, Nebraska Secretary of State

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Testifiers on LB 269:

Proponents: Wayne Bena, Nebraska Secretary of State

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Tom Brewer, Chairperson