

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 569**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

Read first time January 17, 2023

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to define terms; to
- 2 require a county board to publish notice and conduct public meetings
- 3 relating to certain financial interests prior to construction of any
- 4 new electric generation facility as prescribed; to provide an
- 5 exception; and to declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

2           (a) Immediate family member means a child residing in an official's  
3 household, the spouse of an official, or an individual claimed by an  
4 official or the official's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax  
5 purposes; and

6           (b) Official means a member of a county board or a member of a  
7 county planning commission.

8           (2) When the construction of any new electric generation facility is  
9 being considered within a county, prior to project site selection for the  
10 facility or approval of any contract by the county related to the  
11 facility, the county board shall:

12           (a) Conduct a public meeting announcing the proposed project; and

13           (b) If any official involved in the selection of such project site  
14 or approval of such contract or an immediate family member of such  
15 official holds, directly or indirectly, a financial interest in such  
16 facility, or in the ownership or lease of the property within the county  
17 where such facility will be constructed:

18           (i) Publish notice of the official's financial interest and whether  
19 such official has indicated his or her intent to vote to select such  
20 project site or approve such contract; and

21           (ii) Within ninety days after the publication of such notice, hold a  
22 public meeting regarding the official's intention to vote to select such  
23 project site or approve such contract.

24           (3)(a) This section shall not affect the validity of any contract or  
25 apply to the ownership or lease of any property existing on the effective  
26 date of this act.

27           (b) This section shall not affect any conflict-of-interest  
28 provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

29           Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
30 passed and approved according to law.