ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1236

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2026
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Executive Board
One Liner: Change provisions relating to publication, printing, and distribution of legislative journals, session laws, and statutes

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	9	Senators Hansen, Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Ibach, Jacobson, McKinney
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Senator Ben Hansen	Opening Presenter
Opponents:	**Representing:**
Neutral:	**Representing:**
Marcia McClurg	Revisor of Statutes Office
Brandon Metzler	Clerk of the Legislature

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
LB 1236 changes the compilation, publication, printing, and distribution of the Legislative Journal, session laws, and the statutes of Nebraska. The bill updates language and administrative authority, clarifies how copies of official legislative documents are distributed statewide (including print and electronic formats), and harmonizes references to involved offices such as the Clerk of the Legislature and the Secretary of State.

Section by Section Summary

Sec. 1: Amends Section 49-501, to clarify that the Clerk of the Legislature or Secretary of State is authorized to distribute official state laws and journals, reflecting updated administrative roles.

Sec. 2: Revises Section 49-501.01, to confirm that the session laws and Legislative Journal may be published in print or electronic format or both, and establishes distribution responsibilities through the Clerk of the Legislature to the

Secretary of State.

Sec. 3-8: Update and harmonize provisions governing how session laws and journals are requisitioned, distributed, and delivered to county officials, judges, attorneys, law libraries, and public libraries. Language designating responsibilities for print vs. electronic distribution and approval by the Executive Board.

Sec. 9: Amends Section 49-508, to specify how new legislators receive copies of session laws and journals at the start of their first session.

Sec. 10-12:Revise statutory provisions governing distribution of the Nebraska statutes through the Revisor of Statutes and custodial offices, aligning distribution counts, authorities, and procedures to current practice; also updates how the statutes cash fund operates.

Explanation of amendments:
AM2143 is a white copy amendment that amends the original LB1236 by implementing a phased transition for shifting responsibilities related to the publication, printing, and distribution of Nebraska's Legislative Journal, session laws, and statutes from the Secretary of State (and in some cases, the Supreme Court) primarily to the Clerk of the Legislature.

AM 2143 also inserts provisions of LB 1065 that shifts the regular constitutional update cycle from being tied solely to statewide elections to being tied to the conclusion of each regular legislative session. Further it clarifies the responsibilities and timelines for constitutional certification of the Revisor of Statutes, the Secretary of State, and the Clerk of the Legislature while allowing for the Revisor of Statutes to forgo preparing a new compiled copy in years when no changes to the Constitution or required notes have occurred.

Section by Section Summary:

Sec. 1: Authorizes the Clerk of the Legislature to distribute the session laws, legislative journal, and statutes in print, electronic, or both formats.

Sec. 2: Amends section 49-501 to clarify that the Secretary of State is authorized to distribute laws and journals.

Sec. 3: Amends section 49-501.01 to provide that the Clerk of the Legislature compiles and publishes the session laws and journal after each regular session and allows publication in print or electronic format and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 4: Amends section 49-502 to update county-level distribution of the session laws and journal and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 5: Amends section 49-503 to revise the requisition process by county clerks for the session laws and journal, including limits based on county classification and methods of distribution, and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 6: Amends section 49-504 regarding the transfer of session laws and journals to successors in county offices and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 7: Amends section 49-505 regarding the distribution of remaining copies of the session laws and journal to public libraries within a county and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

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Sec. 8: Amends section 49-506 regarding additional distribution of the session laws and journal by the Secretary of State, including detailed distribution lists and format options, and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 9: Amends section 49-507 regarding distribution of the session laws and journal by the State Librarian to certain federal officials and offices and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 10: Amends section 49-508 regarding furnishing new members of the Legislature with the session laws and journal and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 11: Amends section 49-509 regarding the sale and disposition of surplus session laws and journals, including pricing for print and electronic formats and deposit of proceeds, and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 12: Amends section 49-509.01 regarding the sale of unbound print copies of the session laws and daily journals by the Clerk of the Legislature and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 13: Amends section 49-617 regarding printing and distribution of statutes, including updated recipients and quantities, and provides that the section terminates on January 1, 2027.

Sec. 14: Amends section 49-704 to update contracting and printing procedures for statute volumes and requires quantities to be based on the distribution policy established under section 1 of the amendment.

Sec. 15: Amends section 49-707 to provide that the Clerk of the Legislature, rather than the Supreme Court, sells and distributes supplements and reissued or replacement statute volumes pursuant to the distribution policy.

Sec. 16: Amends section 49-708 to revise the purposes and administration of the Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund and the Nebraska Statutes Distribution Cash Fund to reflect the new distribution responsibilities.

Sec. 17: Amends section 49-1701 to modernize the process for compiling, reviewing, certifying, and distributing the Constitution of Nebraska, ties the process to the conclusion of each regular legislative session, establishes review and certification timelines, provides for electronic availability and official status, and allows the Revisor of Statutes to forgo a new compilation when no changes have occurred.

Sec. 18: Amends section 83-901 to update statutory references affected by the reorganization of publication and distribution provisions.

Sec. 19: Amends section 84-502 to conform the Secretary of State's duties relating to the distribution of laws and journals to the revised statutory framework.

Sec. 20: Amends section 84-1205.02 to update cross-references relating to fees for electronic access to records and information.

Sec. 21: Amends section 85-176 to revise the delivery of state publications to the library of the College of Law of the University of Nebraska and to conform references to the new distribution structure.

Sec. 22: Amends section 85-177 to revise how the College of Law library requisitions legislative publications and to conform format and approval language.

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Sec. 23: Establishes operative dates for the amended provisions, including delayed operative dates for specified sections.

Sec. 24: Repeals specified sections of existing law relating to publication and distribution of session laws and journals.

Sec. 25: Repeals additional sections relating to statutes publication, cash funds, and related administrative provisions.

Sec. 26: Repeals the original version of section 49-1701.

Sec. 27: Declares an emergency and provides that the act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Testifiers on LB1065:
Proponents:
Senator Ben Hansen , Opening Presenter
Marcia McClurg, Revisor of Statutes Office

Opponents: None
Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1065:
Yes: 9 Hansen, Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Ibach, Jacobson, McKinney;
No: 0;
Absent: 0;
Present Not Voting: 0;

Ben Hansen, Chairperson