

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB135**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 22, 2025  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Holdcroft  
**One Liner:** Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to elections for certain purposes related to bonds and tax levies

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Andersen, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Guereca, Hunt
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Cavanaugh, J.

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Rick Holdcroft  
Nicole Fox

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Platte Institute

**Opponents:**

Michael Rogers  
Jack Moles  
Cleve Reeves

**Representing:**

Self  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Assoc (NRCSA)  
BVH Architecture and American Institute Architects (AIA) Nebraska  
DLR Group and Associates for Learning Environments  
Nebraska Council of School Administrators  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 22  
Springfield Platteview Community Schools, Nebraska  
Association of School Boards  
Associated General Contractors (AGC) Nebraska Building Chapter  
Greater Nebraska Schools Association  
Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)  
Columbus Public Schools, Nebraska Association of School Business Officials

Vanessa Scutte

Jeremy Knajdl  
Jon Nebel

Kyle Fisher

Sheila O'Connor

Kyle Fairbairn  
Tim Royers  
Chip Kay

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony



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

This bill proposes elimination of special elections for school bonds. Ballot questions on such bond issues would instead be posed to voters during the regularly scheduled statewide primary or general elections held in even-numbered years or, where applicable, during the regularly scheduled general elections of political subdivisions during odd-numbered years. Section 6 of the bill contains the new operative language governing the conduct of such bond elections.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment provides for an additional opportunity for an election during each odd-numbered year, even in communities that do not have municipal elections on that cycle.

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Rita Sanders, Chairperson

