



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 198

Hearing Date: January 31, 2007

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Schimek)

Title: Change requirements for campaign messages

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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| 6 | Yes | Senators Aguilar, Friend, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert |
| 0 | No | |
| 0 | Present, not voting | |
| 2 | Absent | Senators Adams, Avery |
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Proponents:

Senator DiAnna Schimek
Frank Daley

Jerry Vap

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Accountability & Disclosure
Commission
Nebraska Public Service Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 198 requires any person making an expenditure under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to disseminate a prerecorded telecommunication message or recorded message relating to a candidate or ballot question will:

1. include, immediately preceding the message, the name of the person making the expenditure;
 2. only disseminate such messages between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the location of the person receiving the message; and
 3. only disseminate one such message to any one residential telephone line per calendar day.
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Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment makes two changes to the original bill.

First, the amendment eliminates the requirement that only one prerecorded message relating to a candidate or ballot question is allowed to any one residential telephone line per calendar day.

Secondly, the amendment adds provisions to the Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices Act to require any person using an automatic dialer for messages of a political nature to state clearly at the beginning of the message the identity of the person on whose behalf the message is being transmitted. Also, such messages shall only be transmitted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The effect of this change is to require that the same restrictions which are applied to state political races are also applied to federal political races.

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson