



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 199**

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**Hearing Date:** February 1, 2007

**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (Schimek)

**Title:** Changes municipal cooperative financing and open meetings provisions

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Friend

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**Proponents:**

Senator DiAnna Schimek  
Monte Moss  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Alan Peterson

**Representing:**

Media of Nebraska

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

LB 199 amends the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act to allow a separate municipal utility with autonomous control and established by a city, village, or by the citizens thereof for the purpose of providing electric energy for the municipality, to become a participant in an agency created under the Act. The bill also allows such entities to become a participant in an agency by resolution.

Additionally, the bill allows entities formed under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act to hold meetings by telephone conference call as specified in the Open Meetings Act.

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**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson**