



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 269**

Hearing Date: February 21, 2007

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Burling)

Title: Change provisions relating to county and museum board organization

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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| 8 | Yes | Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Friend, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert |
| 0 | No | |
| 0 | Present, not voting | |
| 0 | Absent | |
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Proponents:

Senator Carroll Burling
Larry Dix

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 269 provides that the number of signatures required on petitions to 1) change the number of county commissioners, 2) create township organization, 3) discontinue township organization, or 4) establish a county library, shall be five percent of the voters registered in the county at the preceding statewide general election.

Additionally, several sections dealing with the creation and dissolution of the township supervisor system are outright repealed.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment contains the provisions of LB 348, which changes the procedure for discontinuing township organization.

When a petition is filed to discontinue the township organization, the petition will specify whether the county board to be formed will have five or seven members. Reorganization as a board of commissioners will be effective at the expiration of the supervisors' terms of office in January of the third calendar year following the election.

If the voters vote for the creation of a seven-member board, the commissioner districts will be the same districts as the supervisor districts, unless changed at a later date. The supervisors whose terms have not expired on the effective date of the reorganization will continue in office for the remainder of their terms.

If the voters vote for the creation of a five-member board, the county clerk, county treasurer, and county attorney will meet and redistrict the county into five commissioner districts with substantially equal population. The redistricting will be completed within 30 days after the initial meeting and will specify the newly established districts which the members will serve for the balance of the unexpired terms.

If three members of the board were elected for four-year terms at the election to create a five-member board, each supervisor will serve two years as a supervisor and two years as a commissioner. Two commissioners will be elected for four-year terms from the newly established districts at the next general election. If four members of the board were elected for four-year terms at the election to create a five-member board, the three receiving the most votes will serve two years as a supervisor and two years as a commissioner. The fourth supervisor will serve a two year term. Two commissioners will be elected for four-year terms from the newly established districts at the next general election.

Sections regarding the discontinuance of the township supervisor system are outright repealed and the emergency clause is eliminated.

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson