



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 347

Hearing Date: January 30, 2007
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Mines, 18)

Title: Change provisions relating to the giving of bonds by city or village officials

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	Senator Friend, Cornett, Janssen, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Mick Mines
Lynn Rex
Gary Troutman
Jack Cheloha

Representing:

Introducer
League of NE Municipalities
City of Bellevue
City of Omaha

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The principal statute being amended here (section 1 of the bill, Sec. 11-104) was initially adopted in 1881 and has not been amended since its initial enactment.

The new language proposed in the new subdivision (2) to section 11-104 (lines 10 to 22 on page 2 of the bill) precisely mirrors the language adopted in 1995 in LB 179 regarding blanket bonds and equivalent insurance for county officials.

The principle operative language of the bill is found in the proposed new subdivision (2) to section 11-104 (found on page 2 in lines 10 to 22). It provides that in place of the individual bonds required by municipal officers, a blanket bond or evidence of equivalent insurance may be given to meet statutory requirements for individual

bonds or undertakings. The municipality is authorized to pay the premiums for the bond or insurance coverage.

Sections 2 through 12 of the bill amend the various sections of statutes governing the bonds of each individual class of city or village to specify that “evidence of equivalent insurance” will meet statutory bond requirements:

Sec. 2 – Sec. 14-208 – metropolitan class cities

Sec. 3 – Sec. 14-551 – metropolitan class cities (county treasurer acting as ex officio city treasurer)

Sec. 4 – Sec. 15-251 – primary class cities (elected and appointed officers)

Sec. 5 – Sec. 15-307 – elective officers in primary class cities

Sec. 6 – Sec. 15-308 – appointed officers in primary class cities

Sec. 7 – Sec. 15-317 – city treasurer in primary class cities

Sec. 8 – Sec. 16-219 – elected and appointed officers in first class cities

Sec. 9 – Sec. 16-304 – council members in first class cities

Sec. 10 – Sec. 16-318 – city treasurer in first class cities

Sec. 11 – Sec. 17-541 – water commissioner in second class cities and villages

Sec. 12 – Sec. 17-604 – elected and appointed officers in second class cities and villages

Explanation of amendments, if any: None.

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson