



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 527

Hearing Date: January 31, 2007

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Aguilar, 35)

Title: Provide registration fees for political committees and allow waiver of interest on late filing fees and penalties

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:

- 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 Ray Aguilar
Frank Daley

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 527 addresses two issues in the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

First, the bill requires committees to pay a registration fee of \$100 when filing the statement of organization with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (commission).

A committee which does not pay the registration fee will not make or receive contributions or expenditures until the fee is paid, except to make an expenditure to pay the registration fee or to make expenditures as part of the process of dissolving the committee.

The registration of each committee will terminate on December 31 of the year in which the committee is registered unless the registration is renewed. The registration is renewed by the payment of the registration fee. A committee whose registration has terminated will not make or receive contributions or expenditures until the registration is renewed.

Any committee in existence on the effective date of this act will continue without the payment of a registration fee until December 31 following the effective date of this act.

The registration fees will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund.

Additionally the bill allows the commission to waive the payment of accrued interest from late filing fees and civil penalties in the amount of twenty-five dollars or less.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson