



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 678**

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**Hearing Date:** February 12, 2007  
**Committee On:** Education

**Introducer(s):** (Dubas)

**Title:** Change school district boundary provisions relating to annexed territory

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

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

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Ashford

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**Proponents:**

Senator Annette Dubas  
Del Prindle  
Duane J. Witt  
Keith Ostermeier

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Doniphan-Trumbull Public Schools  
Northwest Public Schools  
Northwest Public Schools

**Opponents:**

Steve Joel

**Representing:**

Grand Island Public Schools

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 678 would amend section 79-407 related to boundaries of a Class III school district to add an exception as provided in section 79-473 under the legislative bill.

LB 678 would amend section 79-473 related to annexation and negotiation between school districts to add language in subsection 2 that would leave any annexed territory in the original school district. Current language would be stricken dealing with annexation and negotiation between districts.

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Section 79-473 would also be amended in dealing with territory when it is platted or replatted. LB 678 would require that affected school districts meet within thirty days to negotiate in good faith as to which school district would serve the territory and consider the following criteria:

- i. The educational needs of the students in the affected school districts;
- ii. The economic impact upon the affected school districts;
- iii. Any common interests between the platted area and the affected school districts and the community which has zoning jurisdiction over the area; and
- iv. Community educational planning.

If no agreement could be reached through the negotiation process, the territory would remain in the school district of which it was a part immediately before such plat or replat was filed.

A new subsection (5) under section 79-473 would require that any boundaries under negotiation at the effective date of this act would be the same as such boundaries were before such date.

The bill includes the emergency clause.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson**