

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB838

Hearing Date: February 07, 2008

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Karpisek)

Title: Change procedures relating to elections

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

8 Yes	Senators Adams, Aguilar, Avery, Friend, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Pahls, Rogert
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Russ Karpisek
Beth Bazyn Ferrell
Sandra Stelling

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Clerks/Register of Deeds/Election
Commissioners Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 838 eliminates the secrecy ballot for special elections by mail. With the bill, special elections by mail will follow the same procedure as used for early voting ballots in other elections. When there is a special election by mail, the voter will mark the ballot, seal it in an identification envelope, sign the identification envelope, and comply with any other instructions provided with the ballot.

The bill also outlines what is included in the voter's oath, which is printed on the back of the identification envelope.

The bill becomes operative on January 1, 2009.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment clarifies that voters are required to provide their voting residence on the voter's oath.

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson