



**Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Committee Statement
LR 4CA**

Hearing Date: February 15, 2007
Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer(s): (Avery)
Title: Constitutional amendment to provide grounds for impeachment

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:

Yes	Sen. Ashford, Sen. Lathrop, Sen. McDonald, Sen. McGill, Sen. Pirsch, Sen. Pedersen, Sen. Schimek
No	
Present, not voting	
1 Absent	Sen. Chambers

Proponents:

Sen. Avery
Jack Gould

Representing:

Introducer
Common Cause Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 4CA proposes to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2008 ballot to amend Article IV, Section 5 of the Nebraska Constitution to expand the list of offenses which subject a civil officer to impeachment. Currently, this section provides that civil officers may be impeached for misdemeanors committed while in office. The proposed amendment would add misdemeanors related to the election in which the officer was elected to office to the list of

impeachable offenses and would definitively answer the question of whether or not an officer can be impeached for acts which occurred prior to taking office.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson