



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 30

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 30 is introduced to give effect to the vote by the citizens of Nebraska when LB 126 was repealed. LB 30 provides for the immediate creation of school boards for the closed Class I and Class VI schools. LB 30 then calls for a special election to be held within two months of the reorganization of the school boards. The election will be held within the Class I and Class VI school districts and the patrons of those school districts found within the boundaries of these schools shall vote whether to reorganize as a Class I or VI or to remain consolidated.

If the vote is to reorganize as a Class I or VI, the Class II, III or IV is called upon to return all assets and liabilities that still exist to the reorganized Class I or VI.

It will be the responsibility of the reorganized school board to work with the Class II, III or IV school board to determine what assets and liabilities are still in existence and to make sure the voters fully understand what the result of the vote will entail.

LB 30 tries to limit costly expenditures by having only the Class I's and VI's vote on the issue of remaining consolidated or returning to their old district boundaries and reestablishing themselves as a Class I or Class VI.

LB 30 also has a drop dead date. If the Class I or Class VI is not up and running within two years of the vote than the district will not be allowed to exist any longer.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Carol Hudkins