

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR301CA

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 17, 2010
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Price
One Liner: Constitutional amendment to change initiative and referendum petition signature requirements

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Avery, Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Pahls
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Scott Price Michael Kelsey	Representing: Introducer Nebraska Cattlemen
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Opponents: Ruth Lienemann Kent Bernbeck	Representing: Self Self
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 301CA provides that the number of signatures required on initiative and referendum measures will be calculated as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the petition signatures are filed.

The resolution also eliminates language that the number of signatures required for initiative or referendum petitions be based on the votes cast for Governor.

Explanation of amendments:

With the committee amendment, the number of signatures required on initiative and referendum petitions will be calculated as of January 1 of the calendar year following the general election next preceding the general election at which the measure would be on the ballot.

Bill Avery, Chairperson