

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183

Introduced by Coash, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of creating a specialized magistrate for the state's largest courts. The intent for creating the position would be to provide an independent, unbiased review of complaints brought by law enforcement and citizens. The magistrate would be specially trained and empowered to issue search warrants, subpoenas, arrest warrants, and summonses and to set bail. The intent would also be for the magistrate to be a state employee under the control and supervision of the judiciary. It is the expectation that the creation of this position would curb the need for new judges and help reduce populations at correctional facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.