

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB342**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 28, 2011  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Brasch  
**One Liner:** Change election hours for drainage districts

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Lydia Brasch  
Larry Dix

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 342 changes the hours during which drainage district elections may take place. Drainage districts can be organized by district court, by the vote of landowners, or by municipalities. This bill would apply to drainage districts organized by a vote of landowners (Chapter 31, Article 4).

Section 1 amends 31-409, relating to election of directors of drainage districts organized by landowners, by changing the hours of an annual election to be held at the county courthouse from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., to either "during normal business hours" or from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., depending on where the election is held.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM221 takes out all references to designated times for elections to take place, and requires that the location and time (duration) of the election be stated in the public notice of the election.

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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson