

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB376

Hearing Date: Monday February 07, 2011
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Flood
One Liner: Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Conrad, Fulton, Hansen, Harms, Heidemann, Mello, Nelson, Nordquist, Wightman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Gerry Oligmueller

Representing:

Introducer - Governor's Office

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 376, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. This bill provides for the funding of the salaries and benefits of certain State Officers as required by the State Constitution and current laws of the State of Nebraska. This bill includes all judges, elected Constitutional Officers, the Parole Board, and the Tax Commissioner.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment provides funding for a new district court judgeship in Lancaster County on July 1, 2011, that was created by LB 35, 2009.

The amendment also reappropriates any unexpended General Fund balances existing on June 30, 2011, in the judges' salary programs.

Additionally, the amendment reappropriates any unexpended General Fund balances existing on June 30, 2012, in the judges' salary programs.

The amendment also authorizes transfer of General Fund appropriations between budget programs. This authority was granted during the 2009 legislative special session and is continued for the next biennium in this amended bill. The language reads as follows:

The budget division of the Department of Administrative Services shall administratively transfer General Fund appropriations among Programs 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 52, 67, and 435 within Agency 5, upon written certification by the State

Court Administrator that the Nebraska Supreme Court has determined that such transfer is necessary for the efficient functioning of statewide court operations and the proper administration of justice. The Salary Limit for Agency 5, Programs 5, 52, 67, and 435, may be administratively increased for any transfers made to Programs 5, 52, 67, and 435 pursuant to this section.

Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson