

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB878**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 25, 2012  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wallman  
**One Liner:** Change election calendar, vacancy, ballot, and counting machine provisions

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Wallman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Sullivan
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

Senator Norm Wallman  
Neal Erickson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Secretary of State

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 878 changes several provisions of the Election Act.

First, the bill changes the date the Secretary of State publishes the official election calendar from December 1 to November 1 prior to the statewide primary election.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to conduct a special election when one-half or more members of a city council under a city manager plan or a school district are vacant. The current requirement for the Secretary of State to conduct a special election is a majority of the seats are vacant.

The bill clarifies that the statewide primary election ballot will contain the name of candidates who have filed candidate forms and candidates for the President of the United States who are presented by petition or are generally advocated or recognized as candidates in the national news media.

Directors of reclamation districts are removed from the list of offices that automatically advance in the primary election because the law already provides that these offices appear only on the general election ballot.

Finally, the bill repeals two sections of statute dealing with custodians of voting systems (32-1044) and instructional meetings on vote counting devices (32-1045).

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Bill Avery, Chairperson