ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB932

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 24, 2012

Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer: Krist

One Liner: Provide voting rights for residents of sanitary and improvement districts

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Ashford, Coash, Cook, Krist, Lambert, McGill, Smith

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Krist Self

R.E. Cunningham City of Omaha Planning Department

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 932 would change current election law to allow registered voters living in a sanitary and improvement district (SID) to vote in city elections if one of two conditions are met. First, if the SID has included an annexation plan in its articles of association that indicates planned annexation by a particular city or there is an annexation plan being implemented with a particular city, or second, the SID is within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a city.

If the election commissioner or county clerk determines the residents of the SID meet one of the above criteria, and are entitled to vote under this bill, the city clerk will assist the election commissioner or county clerk in determining which officials and issues are subject to the vote by the SID residents. The election commissioner or county clerk will assign the registered voters of the SID to districts for purposes of voting for officials of the political subdivision based on geographical proximity to the applicable district.

The bill also provides for new district boundaries to be drawn if the assignment of the SID voters causes any voting district to vary by 10% or more from the standard deviation for such districts.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson