

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB384

Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 384, introduced at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

The bill's primary purpose is to achieve budget savings by eliminating one of the current four members of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission. Originally created with three commission members in 1995, a fourth "at-large" commissioner was added following the 2001 enactment of LB 465. Under present law, the commission now consists of four members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Three members are specifically appointed to represent one of Nebraska's congressional districts. LB 384 proposes to eliminate the fourth, "at-large" commissioner. In addition, the bill proposes to streamline the agency's operations by authorizing the commission to conduct single commissioner hearings on property tax appeals filed with the agency.

LB 384 would become operative on October 1, 2011.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Abbie Cornett