

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1060

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 25, 2014
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Lautenbaugh
One Liner: Change from elected to appointed boards for educational service units

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
David Ludwig
John Bonaiuto

Representing:
Educational Service Unit #2
Nebraska Association of School Boards and the
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
Nebraska State Education Association

Jay Sears

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 1060 would change the process for selecting educational service unit (ESU) board members. Members are currently elected from election districts. With the proposal, members would be appointed by the county boards of counties containing the territory of the ESU.

Educational service units would be removed from the provisions regarding elected officials in sections 32-404, 32-567, 32-606, 32-607, 32-608, 32-1203, 32-1301, and 32-1302.

Section 79-1208 would be amended by eliminating the requirement to include a plan for the establishment of new election districts in petitions to change ESU boundaries.

Section 79-1212 would be amended by terminating the terms of ESU board members as of the effective date of a reorganization and requiring the county boards to meet and appoint members of the board of the reorganized ESU. The current provisions allow board members to continue to serve until the expiration of their original terms. The existing board members appoint members from unrepresented election districts within 30 days of a reorganization.

Section 79-1217 would be amended by replacing the provisions for elected ESU boards with provisions for board members to be appointed by the county boards of each county within any ESU that has multiple member school districts. Single school district ESUs would continue to be governed by the school board of the member school district. Single district ESUs are limited to ESUs containing a Class IV or V school district.

Sections 32-515 and 79-1217.01 would be outright repealed. Section 32-515 provides for the election of ESU boards. Section 79-1217.01 provides for ESU election districts.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson