

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB235

Hearing Date: Thursday February 14, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Howard
One Liner: Change precinct size requirements and procedures for drawing political subdivision boundaries and changing polling places and provide for election advisory committees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:	1	Senator Karpisek
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Sara Howard
Adam Morfeld
Peggy Adair
Willie Hamilton
Rebecca Gonzales
Jack Gould

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraskans for Civic Reform
League of Women Voters of Nebraska
Black Men United
Nebraska Appleseed
Common Cause Nebraska

Opponents:

Beth Bazyn Ferrell
Wayne Bena
David Shively

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials
Sarpy County Election Commissioner
Lancaster County Election Commissioner

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 235 requires in counties having more than 100,000 inhabitants to have an advisory committee to assist the election commissioner. The committee will consist of six members, with political parties appointing four members and the election commissioner appointing two.

The committee will advise the election commissioner on matters relating to voter registration and the conduct of elections in the county.

The bill also changes precinct size to 1000 registered voters based on the number of voter voting at the last general election. The current precinct size is 1750 registered voters.

Prior to creating, drawing, redrawing, revising, rearranging, altering or otherwise changing election district boundaries, the governing body of the political subdivision with this responsibility will hold a public hearing and receive public comment on the proposed boundaries. The bill outlines the hearing notice requirements.

Bill Avery, Chairperson