ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB299

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 05, 2013

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Seiler

One Liner: Change political subdivision election provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price,

Scheer, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Les Seiler Introducer
Don Wesely City of Hastings

Gary Krumland League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Any city not under home rule charter, village, county or school district nominating and electing members of its board at large may either by vote of the governing body or by petition of registered voters submit at a general election the question of nominating and electing members by district or ward.

Any city not under home rule charter, village, county not having more than 300,000 inhabitants or school district nominating or electing members of its board by district or ward may by vote of the governing body or by petition of registered voters submit at a general election the question of nominating and electing members at large.

Any city of the first class, except a city with the commissioner or city manager plan of government, nominating and electing members of its board by ward may by ordinance of the governing body or by petition of registered voters submit at the general election the question of nominating and electing some of its members by ward and some at large. No more than four members of the city council may be elected on an at-large basis and at least four members will be elected by ward. If four at-large members are to be elected, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to service four year terms and the other elected members will serve two-year terms.

Bill Avery, Chairperson