

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB663

Hearing Date: Thursday January 23, 2014
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change provisions for elections conducted by mail

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Garrett, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Scheer, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
John Gale
Adam Morfeld
Sandra Stelling
Wayne Bena

Representing:

Introducer
Secretary of State
Nebraskans for Civic Reform
Clerks/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioners
Sarpy County Election Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 663 makes two changes to the Election Act.

First, the bill allows candidates as well as "economic issues" to be placed on the ballot for a special election by a political subdivision. Currently, only issues, such as bond issues, but not candidates are allowed on a special election ballot.

The second change allows all counties to apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for all elections in some or all of its precincts. Current law allows counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants to apply to the Secretary of State to conduct elections by mail.

Bill Avery, Chairperson