

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB677**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 22, 2016  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Craighead  
**One Liner:** Change a residency qualification and military service requirement for certain veterans service officers

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, Murante
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator McCoy
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Joni Craighead  
John Hilgert

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 677 has four provisions:

- (1) Exempts the Director of Veterans' Affairs, Deputy Director of Veterans' Affairs, and members of the Veterans' Advisory Committee from the current five year residency requirement.
  - (2) Reduces the residency requirement for state service officers from five years to one.
  - (3) Requires the Deputy Director of Veterans' Affairs to have served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates set forth in 80-401.01.
  - (4) Removes the military service requirement and residency requirement for assistant state service officers and non-enumerated personnel of the state veterans' service offices.
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John Murante, Chairperson