

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB193

Hearing Date: Friday February 10, 2017
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Change provisions relating to courts

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Baker, Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks
Beth Bazyn Ferrell
Janet Wiechelman
Troy Hawk

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Clerk of District Courts Association
District Court Clerks Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 193 proposes a number of changes to statutes relating to courts in an effort to modernize language. The bill also seeks to modernize provisions regarding record-keeping efforts of the courts by allowing courts to use the court's electronic case management system rather than strictly requiring physical files.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 221 builds on the work done in the introduced copy of the bill to clean up provisions of statute relating to the courts. Most of the changes made in AM 221 are non-substantive in nature and were proposed at the request of the District Court Clerks Association and the Nebraska State Court Administrator.

The Amendment strikes prior Sections 60, 71, 74, 75, 76, 87, and 90. Those sections changes statutory references from "docket" fees to "filing fees. The Amendment would maintain the use of the term "docket fee" in these statutes as recommended by the Nebraska State Court Administrator. Other changes made by AM 221 work to keep references to a "docket" fee when appropriate, rather than changing it to refer to a "filing" fee.

AM 221 provides some new definitions to aid in understanding the requirements of these changes. Notably, it defines a financial record as an accounting maintained by the court to track money received and disbursed, among others.

Other changes in AM 221 simply work to maintain provisions in statute the court believes necessary, or provide more

clear language for easier understanding.

Laura Ebke, Chairperson