

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the cost of telephone calls made by people housed in county jails in Nebraska. The issues to be examined in this study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The typical or average costs of telephone calls from various county detention facilities across the state;

(2) Any relevant federal law and regulations limiting the cost of telephone calls;

(3) The impact of the cost of telephone calls from jail on inmates' access to attorneys, service professionals, familial relationships and connections to the community;

(4) Whether confidentiality is provided and protected in attorney-client telephone calls; and

(5) A review of Nebraska statutes to determine what changes, if any, should be considered relating to the regulation of telephone calls from county jails, including, but not limited to, whether the Public Service Commission should have the authority to regulate the cost of telephone calls from county jails or detention facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.