

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB107

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 05, 2019
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Dorn
One Liner: Change provisions relating to city and village plumbing boards and change a penalty

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Crawford, Hansen, M., Hunt, Wayne, Lowe, Briese
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Myron Dorn
Christy Abraham
Abby Stark

Representing:

Legislative District #30
League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Beatrice

Opponents:

Gregory C. Lauby
Nicole Fox

Representing:

Self
Platte Institute

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 107 would update and modernize the statutes governing municipal plumbing boards. The bill would make a variety of clean-up changes, including:

- Extending the term of office for plumbers serving on plumbing boards from three years to four years
 - Eliminating the requirement that plumbing boards be appointed in August of each year
 - Eliminating the requirement that plumbing boards meet every two weeks and requiring that plumbing boards meet at least once each year
 - Allowing fees for plumbing licenses and variances to be set by the city council or village board of trustees
 - Increasing fine amounts for violations of the plumbing board statutes; and
 - Providing that municipalities may apply other applicable regulations, such as continuing education requirements, as part of plumbing licensing
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Explanation of amendments:

AM 356 makes two changes to the bill. The amendment requires that a plumbing board call a meeting upon written request of a license applicant, licensee, or member of the plumbing board within four weeks of such written request. The amendment also provides that the cost of licensing fees shall not exceed the cost of the licensing program.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson