

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB618

Hearing Date: Friday February 22, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Hilgers
One Liner: Change provisions relating to electioneering

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Hilgers, Hunt
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Hilgers
Spike Eickholt
Wayne Bena
Westin Miller

Representing:

Introducer
ACLU of Nebraska
Nebraska Secretary of State's office
Civic Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 618 would add a definition of "electioneering" and remove the phrase "or perform any action that involves solicitation" in Section 32-1524.

This section of statute deals with conduct that is prohibited within 200 feet of a polling place.

The new definition of "electioneering" proposed by LB 618 would be "any activity done to persuade voters to vote, or not vote, for a particular candidate, ballot question, or political party which appears on the ballot at the election for which the voters are appearing to vote."

This bill was brought to bring Nebraska law into compliance with the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States in *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky* (2018).

Explanation of amendments:

The bill underwent significant revision post-hearing in order to achieve compliance with case law. The language in the committee amendment strikes the very broad definition in the introduced copy and provides one much greater detail.

The provisions of LB 618, as amended, were included in the committee's AM 511 to LB 411.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson