

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB822

Hearing Date: Friday January 24, 2020
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Change recall petition and election provisions

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Wayne Bena
David Shively

Christy Abraham

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Secretary of State Robert Evnen
Lancaster County Election Commissioner and NE
Association of Clerks, Register of Deeds, and Election
Commissioners
League of NE Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 822 proposes several changes to the procedure for recalling local elected officials.

It clarifies that the fifteen days afforded to the filing clerk after the filing of the petition are business days.

It changes the timeline for ordering and holding a special recall election. Currently, this must occur between fifty and eighty days of notice being received by the official to be removed. This bill would instead initiate the timeline for holding the election upon receipt of the notification by the filing clerk. The election would be held no sooner than fifty days after certification to the election commissioner or county clerk.

The entire substance of LB 822 was included in the committee amendment amendment (AM 2226) to LB 820.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson