

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR1CA**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 23, 2019  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Constitutional amendment to eliminate slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Wayne

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Spike Eickholt

**Representing:**

Introducer  
ACLU of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

Robert Klotz

**Representing:**

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**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 1 Places an amendment to Art. I Sec. 2 of the Nebraska Constitution on the ballot in November 2020. Currently this section prohibits slavery or involuntary servitude in the state and the proposal removes an exception for use as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

Section 2 Ballot language for the proposal.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson