

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143**

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the laws for accounting and financial reporting in political subdivisions to determine a more uniform method of reporting. The study shall also obtain information on financial reporting being used by cities, villages, counties, and school districts across the state and those that have changed from the cash basis to an accrual or modified accrual method. The study shall determine the process, the cost, and any savings, including any impact on debt or bond ratings, resulting from changing from the cash basis to an accrual method.

Each local government has statutes regarding accounting and financial reporting spread across many of the chapters in the Nebraska Revised Statutes. This study shall identify all of the reporting statutes and explore the possibility of consolidating them within the statutes for easier access and understanding.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) The accounting and financial reporting statutes for each city, village, county, and school district and possible consolidation of such statutes;

(2) Accounting methods for cities, villages, counties, and school districts;

(3) Bond ratings of cities, villages, counties, and school districts;

(4) The cost to and actions taken by such local governments that have changed from the cash basis to an accrual method; and

(5) A cost-benefit analysis of the impact the financial reporting and accounting standards have on the debt held by cities, villages, counties, and

school districts.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.