

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB158

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 24, 2021
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Wayne
One Liner: Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, McCollister, Sanders
Nay:	1	Senator Lowe
Absent:	1	Senator Blood
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Justin Wayne
Shayna Bartow
Jasmine Harris
Shakur Abdullah
Westin Miller
Rose Godinez

Representing:

Introducer
Self
RISE
JUSTUS15Vote
Civic Nebraska
ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:

Spike Eickholt
Katie Pitts
Abbi Swatsworth

Representing:

Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association (NCDAA)
Nebraska Appleseed
Out Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 158 would change the timeline for restoration of voting rights after a convicted felon's completion of sentence. Under current law, such a person would be eligible to vote two years after completion of sentence. This bill would eliminate that two-year waiting period and make felons immediately eligible to vote after completion of sentence, including any term of

parole or probation.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson