

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB5**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday September 16, 2021  
**Committee On:** Redistricting  
**Introducer:** Redistricting  
**One Liner:** Set boundaries of public service commissioner districts

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 9 Senators Blood, Brewer, Briese, Geist, Linehan, Lathrop, Lowe, Morfeld,  
Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Lou Ann Linehan  
Bill Starkey  
Bob Twiss

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

Senator Steve Erdman  
Richard Chilton  
Kristen Dupree

**Representing:**

District 47  
Self  
Self

**Neutral:**

Nathan Kade Leach  
Tracy Overstreet  
Sharon Bohling  
Mike Vance  
Brad Best  
Sandra Black  
Vincent Litwicnowicz  
James Federick  
Wesley Dodge

**Representing:**

Nonpartisan Nebraska  
Hall County Election Office  
Self  
Seward County Sheriff's Office  
School Districts of District 24  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Represent Us Omaha, Common Cause Nebraska, Rank the  
Vote Nebraska  
ACLU of Nebraska  
Nonpartisan Nebraska  
Self  
Self  
Self

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Kariha Hernandez	Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Michael Osborn	Self
John Sieler	Self
Steven Dawes	Self
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek	Self
Will Langan	Self

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

LB5 changes the boundaries of the public service commissioner districts by the adoption of maps by reference.

The state is divided into five public service commissioner districts. The overall range of deviation is approximately 8.5 percent. Districts are drawn using census geography and population data from the 2020 US Census.

The maps are to be kept in the Secretary of State's Office.

The bill includes an emergency clause.

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Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson