

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 5**

Introduced by Blood, 3.

Read first time July 25, 2024

Committee: Executive Board

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Constitution of Nebraska; to amend
- 2 section 49-202.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 requirements relating to proposals for constitutional amendments
- 4 submitted by the Legislature; to repeal the original section; and to
- 5 declare an emergency.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 49-202.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3 49-202.01 (1) When any proposal submitted by the Legislature is  
4 placed on the ballot for a vote of the electorate of the entire state, a  
5 statement in clear, concise language explaining the effect of a vote for  
6 and a vote against the proposal shall be printed immediately preceding  
7 the ballot title. Such statement shall be prepared by the Executive Board  
8 of the Legislative Council and submitted to the Secretary of State at  
9 ~~least four months prior to the general election~~ for certification to the  
10 election commissioners and county clerks along with the ballot titles as  
11 follows:

12 (a) For a proposal submitted by the Legislature during a regular  
13 session of the Legislature, such statement shall be submitted to the  
14 Secretary of State at least four months prior to the general election;  
15 and

16 (b) For a proposal submitted by the Legislature during a special  
17 session of the Legislature, such statement shall be submitted to the  
18 Secretary of State at least sixty days prior to the general election.

19 (2) The ~~Such~~ statement shall be printed in italics and shall be so  
20 worded as to not be intentionally an argument or likely to create  
21 prejudice either for or against the proposal. The statement shall also be  
22 published in italics preceding the ballot title on each proposal  
23 published pursuant to section 49-202.

24 (3) (2) The four-month or sixty-day requirement prescribed in  
25 subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any legislative  
26 proposal submitted to the electorate at a special election as provided in  
27 Article XVI, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

28 Sec. 2. Original section 49-202.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
29 Nebraska, is repealed.

30 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
31 passed and approved according to law.