

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB221**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 09, 2009  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Nordquist  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to payment of school funds

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Adams, Ashford, Haar, Howard, Sullivan  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:** 3 Senators Avery, Cornett, Giese  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Jeremy Nordquist  
Richard Pederson

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Omaha Public Schools

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Legislative Bill 221 would amend section 79-592 by allowing the treasurer of a Class V school district to pay school money with a check or other instrument drawn upon bank funds in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the board of education. Currently, the treasurer is required to pay school money upon a warrant signed by the president, or in the president's absence by the vice president, and countersigned by the secretary.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendments replace the original provisions. The amendments would allow Class V school districts to use checks and other instruments drawn upon bank funds to pay school money and would clarify that other classes of school districts are also allowed to use checks and other instruments.

Section 79-575 would be amended by requiring the president of a school board to countersign checks or other instruments drawn by the secretary of the school board upon bank depository funds of the district. Facsimile signatures could also be used or a person could be delegated by the board to sign and validate such checks and other instruments.

These signature requirements currently apply to warrants drawn by the secretary of a school district for all money to be disbursed by the district and all warrants upon the county treasurer.

Section 79-592 would be amended by allowing the treasurer of a Class V school district to pay school money with a check or other instrument drawn upon bank funds. Currently, the treasurer is required to pay school money upon a warrant signed by the president, or in the president's absence by the vice president, and countersigned by the secretary. The current signature requirements for warrants would apply to the checks and other instruments.

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Greg Adams, Chairperson