

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB113

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2013
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: McGill
One Liner: Provide for mayors of cities of the second class to vote in certain situations

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ashford, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, McGill, Murante
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator McGill
Gary Krumland
Douglas R. Walker

Representing:

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League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Alma, Ne

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 113 amends 17-110 and 17-614 regarding when the mayor of a city of the second class can vote on an issue before the city council. Under current law, a mayor may vote when the council is evenly divided. LB 113 would authorize the mayor to vote when his or her vote will provide the additional vote required to create a number of votes equal to a majority of the members elected to the council. This makes the voting authority of a mayor of a city of the second class consistent with that of the mayor of a city of the first class.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one of this bill changes the language of 17-110 to make clear that the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the city council of a city of the second class. It also adds new language to allow the mayor to provide the additional vote required to attain the number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members of the city council on any pending matter, legislation, or transaction. This is a change from the current law which allows a mayor to vote when the city council is equally divided on any issue.

Section two amends 17-614 by adding new language very similar to the new language in section one of the bill, allowing a mayor of a city of the second class to vote when his or her vote would provide the additional vote required to attain the number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the council. It also states that for the purpose of such a vote, the mayor shall be deemed to be a member of the city council.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson