

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB125**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 24, 2013  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Lautenbaugh  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to boards of education of Class V school districts

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Karpisek, Wallman
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Scheer
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh	Introducer
Senator Ernie Chambers	Self
Nancy Kratky	Self
Justin Wayne	Self
Sam Brower	Self
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
John Bonaiuto	Nebraska Association of School Boards
Brenda Council	Self
Nancy Huston	Self
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Virginia Moon	Omaha Public Schools
Jennifer Tompkins Kirshenbaum	Self
Bambi Bartek	Self

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

LB 125 reduces the Class V board of education from twelve to nine members. The bill also provides for: board members to be elected at the same election as the Omaha city council; term limits for board members; elimination of the student member; and the process of creating the districts for the new nine member board.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces it with the following provisions:

Like the original bill, the committee amendment reduces the Class V board of education from twelve to nine members.

The election for members of the Class V board of education will be held on the same date as the Omaha city council elections and will occur every four years.

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The primary election is held on the first Tuesday of April preceding the date of the general city election. The general election is held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May. The next election will be held in 2013.

Class V board of education members will serve four year terms.

The term of office for each member currently serving on the board expires on the fourth Monday after the election in 2013.

The Legislature will divide the school district into nine numbered districts of compact and contiguous territory and of as nearly equal population as may be practical. The Legislature adopts the official population figures and maps from the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. The numbers and boundaries of the districts will be designated and established by a map identified and labeled as OPS13-001.

The map will be filed with the election commissioner and the Secretary of State and incorporated by reference as part of this legislative bill. After the next decennial census, the election commissioner of the county in which the greater part of the Class V school district will divide the school district.

The vacancy provisions for Class V school district board members are also changed. With this amendment, a vacancy will be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The amendment eliminates the nonvoting student member from the board of Class V school districts.

The amendment includes an emergency clause.

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Bill Avery, Chairperson