

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB188

Hearing Date: Thursday January 31, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Require legislative approval of gubernatorially appointed election commissioners

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Price, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Murante

Proponents:
Senator Russ Karpisek
Jack Gould
Adam Morfeld

Representing:
Introducer
Common Cause Nebraska
Nebraskans for Civic Reform

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 188 requires election commissioners appointed by the Governor be approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature. Currently, there is no legislative approval required, the Governor simply appoints.

In the event of a vacancy, the Governor will appoint a new election commissioner with the approval of the Legislature. If the Legislature is not in session, any appointment will be temporary until the next session of the Legislature, at which time the Legislature may approve or disapprove the appointment.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment adds an operative date of January 1, 2015.

Bill Avery, Chairperson