

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB418

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 27, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Kolowski
One Liner: Change powers and duties of election commissioners, chief deputy election commissioners, and county boards

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Wallman

Proponents:

Senator Rick Kolowski
Beatty Brasch
Adam Morfeld

Representing:

Introducer
Center for People in Need
Nebraskans for Civic Reform

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

John Gale

Representing:

Secretary of State

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 418 requires election commissioners in counties having more than 100,000 inhabitants to perform duties in consultation with and with the agreement of the chief deputy election commissioner. If the election commissioner and the chief deputy election commissioner agree with respect to the duties, the election commissioner will forward to the county board a report of action.

If the election commissioner and chief deputy election commissioner do not agree with respect to duties, the election commissioner will forward a report of the disagreement with respect to the duties to the county board and the county board will make a determination with respect to such action.

Under this bill, the duties of the election commissioner include: adoption of rules and regulations in regard to elections and the registration of voters; notification and training of poll workers; creating precincts; and designating polling places for each precinct.

Finally, the bill provides that refusal of the chief deputy election commissioner to agree with the election commissioner regarding the duties to be performed will not constitute grounds for removal.

Bill Avery, Chairperson