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AMENDMENTS TO LB 571

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 "Sec. 5. Section 32-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 32-1201. The county board shall draw warrants in payment
5 of all bills submitted by the election commissioner or county clerk
6 related to the cost of any election conducted by the office of the
7 election commissioner or county clerk. Except as otherwise
8 provided in subsection (4) of section 32-1203, the initial payment
9 for bills submitted to the election commissioner or county clerk
10 for the cost of preparing for and conducting elections shall be a
11 county expense. The compensation of the election commissioner or
12 county clerk, the deputy election commissioner or deputy county
13 clerk for elections, and all permanent employees of the election
14 commissioner or county clerk, the expenditures for the rental,
15 furnishing, and equipping of the office of the election
16 commissioner or county clerk, the expenditures for necessary office
17 supplies, books, documents, and appurtenances relating to or used
18 in performing the duties of the election commissioner or county
19 clerk in relation to elections, ~~and~~ the cost of elections for
20 county, ~~state,~~ and federal governments, and the cost of elections
21 for state government other than constitutional amendments as
22 provided in subsection (5) of section 32-1203 shall be an
23 apportioned county expense and shall not be chargeable to other
24 political subdivisions.

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1 Sec. 6. Section 32-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 32-1202. The cost of publication and posting of notices
4 and ballots, the cost of precinct registration lists, the
5 compensation of temporary employees, inspectors, judges and clerks
6 of election, and members of counting boards, the cost of renting,
7 heating, lighting, and equipping polling places including placing
8 and removing ballot boxes and other fixtures and equipment, the
9 cost of printing and delivering ballots and sample ballots, the
10 cost of postage, cards of instructions for voters, maps, voter
11 books for the polling place, other election supplies, and
12 electronic media, the expense of programming and operation of
13 voting machines and vote counting devices, and all other expenses
14 of conducting statewide primary and general elections not listed in
15 section 32-1201 shall be chargeable to the political subdivisions
16 and the state, if applicable under subsection (5) of section
17 32-1203, in and for which such elections are held.

18 Sec. 7. Section 32-1203, Reissue Revised Statutes of
19 Nebraska, is amended to read:

20 32-1203. (1) Each city, village, school district, public
21 power district, sanitary and improvement district, metropolitan
22 utilities district, fire district, natural resources district,
23 community college area, educational service unit, hospital
24 district, reclamation district, and library board shall pay for the
25 costs of nominating and electing its officers as provided in
26 subsection (2), (3), or (4) of this section. If a special issue is
27 placed on the ballot at the time of the statewide primary or

1 general election by any political subdivision, the political
2 subdivision shall pay for the costs of the election as provided in
3 subsection (2), (3), or (4) of this section. The districts listed
4 in this subsection shall furnish to the Secretary of State and
5 election commissioner or county clerk any maps and additional
6 information which the election commissioner or county clerk may
7 require in the proper performance of their duties in the conduct of
8 elections and certification of results.

9 (2) The charge for each primary and general election
10 shall be determined by (a) ascertaining the total cost of all
11 chargeable costs as described in section 32-1202, (b) dividing the
12 total cost by the number of precincts participating in the election
13 to fix the cost per precinct, (c) prorating the cost per precinct
14 by the inked ballot inch in each precinct for each political
15 subdivision and the state, if applicable under subsection (5) of
16 this section, and (d) totaling the cost for each precinct for each
17 political subdivision and the state, if applicable.

18 (3) In lieu of the charge determined pursuant to
19 subsection (2) of this section, the election commissioner or county
20 clerk may charge public power districts the fee for election costs
21 set by section 70-610.

22 (4) In lieu of the charge determined pursuant to
23 subsection (2) of this section, the election commissioner or county
24 clerk may bill school districts directly for the costs of an
25 election held under section 10-703.01.

26 (5) The state shall reimburse each county for the actual
27 cost of placing constitutional amendments on the primary and

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1 general election ballots at the direction of the Legislature.

2 Sec. 8. Section 32-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 32-1207. The election commissioner or county clerk shall
5 fix and certify the cost of elections pursuant to sections 32-1203
6 to 32-1206. The cost of elections shall be due and payable from
7 each political subdivision and the state, if applicable, within
8 thirty days after the receipt of the statement certifying the cost
9 of the election. All payments received by the election
10 commissioner or county clerk from each political subdivision and
11 the state, if applicable, for the cost of elections shall be placed
12 in the county general fund and shall be used to help defray the
13 cost of elections.".

14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the
15 repealer accordingly.