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LB 250

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I am going to go into a little bit of detail here so you'll understand, this is...this is only for Nebraska City because Nebraska City is the only city in the state that has a commission form of government. This bill brings into compliance with the Nebraska election laws that we passed last year and brings the commission form of government into compliance with those. So it is detailed but, once again, it applies only to Nebraska City because it is the only one that has the commission form of government. Enactment of LB 250 into state law would further clarify and harmonize provisions regarding the commission form of government with the Election Act of the State of Nebraska. Specifically, additional provisions of LB 250 seek to (1) implement a date deadline for adoption of an ordinance by a city council under the commission form of government which waives the requirement for a primary election; (2) it allows automatic nomination of city council candidates to the general election if a primary election waiver ordinance is adopted by the council, and if there are not more than two candidates filed for each council position to be filled; (3) it establishes that terms for council members shall begin on the date of the first regular meeting of the council in December following the statewide general election, and it provides for an extension of terms of current city council members until new members of the council begin their terms in order to allow for the transition of the primary and general election dates of the city to a statewide basis. If you want to know more information and history, I have it on it. I don't think I will take time to do that. If there are questions, I would be...I would try to answer them but, once again, Nebraska City is the only one that has the commission form of government, is the only one affected by this bill. Nebraska City would like to continue with their commission form of government, which was established in 1911. And the underlying intent of LB 250 is to address and clearly resolve lingering ambiguity regarding the commission form of government and provisions of the election...Election Act. LB 250 marries the commission form of government with principles of the Election Act. I hope that's clear to everyone. Once again, it applies only to Nebraska City because it's the only one in the state that has the commission form of government. This harmonizes that with the Election Act that we passed a