



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 484**

Hearing Date: 1/30/2001
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducers: (Urban Affairs Committee)
Title: Change provisions relating to meetings and officers of municipalities

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Connealy, Erdman, Janssen, Hartnett, Preister, Quandahl and Redfield
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:
Bill Stadtwald
Lynn Rex
Opponents:
none

Representing:
RA for Urban Affairs
League of NE Municipalities
Representing:

Neutral: **Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes to change provisions regarding the date of appointment of various municipal officers and the authority of village boards to suspend the three readings of ordinances.

LB 484 makes three technical corrections in the statutes relating to cities and villages.

Section 1 amends section 17-541 to provide that the water commissioner in cities of the second class and villages is to be appointed in December along with the appointment of other municipal officials (rather than in May as provided in the current statute). This would be the same meeting at which newly elected council members and other elected officials would formally take office.

Section 2 amends section 17-614 to clarify that a village board may suspend the three readings generally required of an ordinance by a three-fourths vote of the board. The current

statute implies that this is possible but LB 484 makes it explicit that village boards have this authority (an authority which they would share with all other classes of cities).

Sections 3 and 4 amend sections 19-615 and 19-617 to clarify conflicting statutes regarding when city council members in cities (having a population of one thousand or more and less than two hundred thousand) with a city manager form of government assume office and meet to organize. Section 19-612 provides that the terms of city council members in cities with a city manager form of government begin at the first regular meeting in December (as is the case with other cities and villages). Sections 19-615 and 19-617 provide that the council is to meet on the first Tuesday in December to organize. LB 484 makes all of these statutes uniform by providing that both the start of the term of office and the organization meeting will take place at the first regular meeting in December.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

None

Senator D. Paul Hartnett, Chairperson