



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 768**

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**Hearing Date:** February 14, 2001

**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Introducers:** (Schrock, Kristensen, Schimek)

**Title:** Provide for the selection of the candidate for Lieutenant Governor by the candidate for Governor

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
- X Advanced to General File with Amendments
- Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

- 8 Yes                                 Senators Aguilar, Brown, Burling, McDonald, Quandahl, Schimek, Smith, Vrtiska
- 0 No
- 0 Present, not voting
- 0 Absent

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**Proponents:**  
 Senator Ed Schrock

**Representing:**  
 Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 768 provides the candidate for Governor of each political party to choose a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 60 days after the statewide primary election.

If there is a vacancy on the ballot for Governor, the candidate for Governor will select a person to be the candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Under the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, this bill increases the spending limit for the Governor to \$1,650,000. The amount a candidate for Governor may accept from independent committees, businesses and political parties is increased to \$825,500.

The Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act is amended to state a candidate for Lieutenant Governor will not have a separate candidate committee but will be included with the candidate for Governor.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The candidates for Lieutenant Governor do not need to file a candidate filing form or pay the filing fee. The amendment requires the candidate for Governor to file an affidavit and the Lieutenant Governor to file a written notice of consent with the Secretary of State's office before September 1.

When a candidate for Governor is petitioning to be placed on the ballot, the Lieutenant Governor candidate must file a written notice of consent at the time the petitions are submitted for verification.

The candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor must be of the same political party.

If a vacancy occurs in the Lieutenant Governor office before September 1, the candidate for Governor selects a new candidate by filing an affidavit with the Secretary of State.

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**Senator DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson**