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adopted...copied Ohio's cost bond requirement and adopted it in 1867. The world has changed. In our present society, residence in a county outside the county where a court action is pending is not as significant as it was in 1867. However, residence in the state of Nebraska is considered to be a significant factor because enforcing a judgment for cost may be easier if it can be done within the Nebraska court system and jurisdiction and would likely be more difficult if enforcement of a judgment would require the cooperation of courts of another state and, in fact, there'd have to be a registration under the Foreign Judgments Act. The amendment would change the law to allow a party to request that a court require a cost bond only when the claim is asserted by someone who is not a resident of the state of Nebraska. The bill broadens the cost bond requirement for any nonresident party who asserts a claim. Now for the third part of the amendment, which is located at Section 8 and was originally LB 21. We're changing the statutory provisions regarding the Nebraska District Court Judges Association. Under current law, the association is to convene from time to time and to hold institutes and seminars for all judges who sentence criminals or juveniles to discuss problems relating to those sentencings. The association is also required to conduct from time to time orientation programs for new judges to discuss sentencing alternatives. The amendment would require that the association shall participate in planning and presenting such institutes and seminars and to participate in planning and presenting such orientation programs for new judges. The amendment would also require that the association present seminars to all county employees who work in the judicial branch of our government. The members of the District Court Judges Association have agreed to require compulsory training and seminars for its members, a significant movement, we think. This amendment will support their efforts as such. Finally, the final part of the amendment is Section 9, which was LB 673. In 1999, under the able leadership of Senator Don Pederson, the Legislature provided a means by which estates with less than \$25,000 in real property could be distributed to successors by affidavit. Senator Pederson, because of Senator Pederson, such a change was made to promote an efficient system for liquidating assets without requiring a probate proceeding. The 1990 (sic) legislation is presently codified at Section 30-24,129. The