

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 SECOND SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 333

5 Introduced by Beutler, 28

6 PURPOSE: To examine the long-term effects of introducing the
7 recall process as an alternative to term limits for state senators.

8 Nebraska state senators are not currently subject to
9 recall. Instead, a state senator may serve for two four-year
10 terms. This interim study proposes to examine the effects of
11 eliminating term limits and granting constituents the right to
12 petition for a recall after a senator has served for eight years.

13 It is the intent of the Legislature that this interim
14 study will examine the effects of a recall process, as such a
15 process relates to fair representation, voter confidence, and the
16 general dynamics of the Legislature. This study would include a
17 comparative analysis of states where the recall process is already
18 in place, as well as an examination of the historic preferences of
19 Nebraska voters. The study would also consider the uniqueness of a
20 recall law that is triggered after two terms, as no other state
21 appears to utilize such a trigger.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
23 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

- 24 1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
25 Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an
26 interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

1 2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its
2 study make a report of its findings, together with its
3 recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.