



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 518

Hearing Date: February 22, 2005
Committee On: Urban Affairs

Introducer(s): (Dw. Pedersen, Connealy, Janssen, Kopplin, Langemeier, Pahls)
Title: Provide for consolidation of cities of the first class with cities of the second class or villages

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

5	Yes	Friend, Combs, Cornett, Landis, Schimek
1	No	Connealy
1	Present, not voting	Janssen
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Dwight Pederson, Introducer
 Kurt Bromm
 Dan Eikmeier

Representing:

City of Elkhorn
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Opponents:

Jack Cheloha

Representing:

City of Omaha

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: This bill would authorize first class cities to consolidate with adjoining villages or cities of any class for the purpose of forming a new city. Each of the cities and villages involved would appoint three commissioners who would meet and arrange the terms and conditions upon which the consolidation would occur. If the affected cities and villages agreed and adopted the agreement by ordinance, the matter would be placed on the next general election ballot for approval by the voters of each of the merging cities and villages. If the vote were favorable, the cities and villages would adopt ordinances declaring the consolidation to be completed on the terms of the agreement.

The consolidation would become an accomplished fact upon the filing of certified copies of the proceedings with the clerks of each of the affected cities or villages.

The new city would then be authorized to act and adopt ordinances in conformity with state law and the terms upon which the consolidation was approved.

All property, assets and debts of each of the component communities would become common to all in the new city.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson