



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 53

Hearing Date: January 20, 2005

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Schimek, Chambers, Kruse, Dw. Pedersen)

Title: Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence

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:

6	Yes	Senators Brown, Burling, Mines, Pahls, Schimek, Wehrbein
1	No	Senator Fischer
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Langemeier

Proponents:

Senator DiAnna Schimek
Peggy Adair
Duane Sanders
Dick Herman
Rev. Lauren D. Ekdahl

Cynthia K. Gooch

Glenda DeBrie

Marcel Kills Enemy
Tommie Wilson
Lynne Anderson
James Jones
Julie A. Flynn
Leola Bullock
Richard Hedrick
Fred Conley
Catherine Mahern
Marlys Sanders
J. Rock Johnson

Representing:

Introducer
League of Women Voters of Nebraska
Friends & Family of Inmates
Coalition for Voting Rights
Coalition of Religious Denominations through
Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc-Omaha Alumnae
Chapter
Election Law Committee-Clerks, Register of
Deeds & Election Commissioners
Self
NAACP
Self
OASIS, Inc.
Ex-Felons
NAACP-Lincoln, NE Branch
Self
Self
Private Citizen/Advocate
Nebraska Voting Rights Coalition
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
John Gale

Representing:
Secretary of State's Office

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 53 restores a felon's right to vote upon completion of his or her felony sentence, including parole. Upon completion of the sentence, the felon's right to vote is automatically restored.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment requires a two year waiting period after completion of a felony sentence before the right to vote is automatically restored.

Senator DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson