

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB768**

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**Hearing Date:** January 22, 2008

**Committee On:** Urban Affairs

**Introducer(s):** (Cornett)

**Title:** Provide sanitary and improvement districts with the power to contract for library services

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**Roll Call Vote-Final Committee Action:** Advanced to General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

6 Yes	Senator Friend, Cornett, Janssen, McGill, Rogert, White
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Lathrop
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Abbie Cornett  
Guadalupe Mier  
Ken Winston  
Eileen Boslaugh  
Kathy Holkeboer  
Lynn Rex  
Rod Wagner

**Opponents:**

Brian Doyle

**Neutral:**

None

**Representing:**

Introducer Exhibit 1  
Bellevue Public Library  
NE Library Association Exhibit 2  
Self Exhibit 3  
Bellevue Public Library  
League of NE Municipalities  
Nebraska Library Commission

**Representing:**

Eastern NE Development Council

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:** This bill relates to sanitary and improvement districts and proposes to provide the power for SIDs to contract for library services. This bill would amend Sec. 31-727 (dealing with the powers and duties of sanitary and improvement districts at the time of formation). Specifically, it would authorize the SID to contract for library services (at the time of formation, page 1, line 13; in the articles of association, page 4, line 6; in the budget and with regard to the authority to pay, page 6, line 6).

It should be noted that the proposed amendments would authorize the SID to contract with **any** city or village (not just the most immediately adjacent city), any county or any other entity, public or private, providing library services.

There is no definition of library services.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** The committee amendments propose to clarify the intent of the original bill.

First, it adds a new section to the bill (section 31-740) for the specific purpose of adding the authority to contract for library services to the list of powers granted to SIDs existing prior to the effective date of this act. Thus, currently existing SIDs could contract for those services as well as newly-forming and yet-to-be formed SIDs.

Second, it changes the use of the term “library services” to a less ambiguous form that retains the intent of the bill. “Library services” becomes “access to the facilities and use of the services of the library system of one or more neighboring cities or villages.” This change makes it clear that the purpose of the new authority is to enable SID residents to use neighboring city or village libraries rather than to authorize the creation of library systems or services inside the SID itself on a piecemeal basis.

The language refers to “neighboring cities or villages” since some SIDs are located in close proximity to more than one city or village. The language would authorize the SID board to choose which city’s services would be sought or would permit multiple contracts with more than one city or village if they chose to do so.

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Senator Mike Friend, Chairperson