

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB919

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 26, 2010
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Schilz
One Liner: Permit a city of the first class to remain as such despite a population decrease

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Cook, Krist, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Ken Schilz Darrell G. Bassett April Thraen Doug Teaford Harold L. Stewart	Representing: (introducer) City of Ogallala Ogallala/Kieth County Chamber of Commerce Keith County City of Ogallala
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 919 would amend NRS Section 17-301 to permit a city to remain a city of the first class despite a population decrease.

Comments/Analysis:

There is some precedent for this. NRS Section 17-310 allows cities to remain a city of the second class even though it has less than 800 inhabitants as ascertained and officially promulgated by the U.S. census.

Details:

LB 919 amends subsections (1) and (2) to read "Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, whenever".....

This new language incorporates the proposed changes included in subsection (6) of the drafted bill. It also adds language that requires the "most recent" federal census be used to determine the population of the city.

Subsection (6) adds the language necessary to allow a city to remain a city of the first class so long as it has more than four thousand inhabitants as of January 1, 2010, is a county seat and does not have a population decrease below three thousand citizens as determined by the most recent federal census.

The amended portion of Subsection (5) clarifies the language in this subsection pertaining to the laws applicable to cities of the second class

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment removes subsection six from the original language of the bill. It also requires the mayor of a city of the first class to include an explanation of the cities plan to increase the cities population following the most recent federal decennial census in which their population has fallen below five thousand, but not less than four thousand inhabitants.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson