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LEGISLATIVE BILL 966

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-1031, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
- 3 relating to the canvass of votes; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 32-1031 (1) After counting the ballots under section
4 32-1027, the county canvassing board shall proceed with the official
5 canvass of votes cast on election day. If in the process of
6 canvassing the votes for any candidate or measure in any precinct the
7 election commissioner or county clerk or the canvassing board
8 determines that there is an obvious error in the certification of the
9 votes, the error shall be corrected. The county canvassing board may
10 open the ballots-cast container and recount the ballots for any
11 candidate or any measure which appears to be in error. If the county
12 canvassing board finds and corrects any such error, it shall make the
13 correction entry in the precinct sign-in register, the precinct list
14 of registered voters, and the official summary or summaries of votes
15 cast and shall attach a letter of explanation to each book where the
16 correction was made. The letter shall be signed by all members of the
17 county canvassing board.

18 (2) When it has been determined that the returns in all
19 precincts are correct, the county canvassing board shall enter the
20 same in a permanent ledger or attach a computerized printout of the
21 returns in the permanent ledger. The permanent ledger shall be
22 preserved by the election commissioner or county clerk for the period
23 of time specified by the State Records Administrator pursuant to the
24 Records Management Act, and then it may be transferred to the State
25 Archives of the Nebraska State Historical Society for permanent

1 preservation.

2 (3) Any recesses or adjournments of the county canvassing
3 board shall be to a fixed time and publicly announced. When a recess
4 is called, all ballots that have not been counted and all other
5 supplies shall be placed in a fireproof safe or other suitable
6 location which is locked until such board reconvenes.

7 Sec. 2. Original section 32-1031, Reissue Revised
8 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.