

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB111

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 22, 2013
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: McGill
One Liner: Authorize a city of the first or second class or village to adopt a biennial budget

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Ashford, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, McGill, Murante
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator McGill	self
Lynn Rex	League of Nebraska Municipalities
RogerW. Foster	City of Crete
Joseph D. Kohout	United Cities of Sarpy County

Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 111 amends the Nebraska Budget Act to authorize cities of the first class, second class, and villages to file biennial budgets with the State Auditor's office and the County Clerk.

In 2000, the Legislature enacted LB 1116, which authorized cities of the Metropolitan and Primary classes to adopt biennial budgeting if approved by the voters in those cities. LB 111 would extend this authority to cities of all classes and villages.

Comments/Analysis:

Section one contains minor clean up language and includes new language in 13-503(10) and (11) to include cities of the first call, second class, and villages that adopt a biennial budget to the applicable definitions in this section. This gives the authority to adopt biennial budgets to cities of all classifications and villages in the state.

Sections two and three adds language to include a biennial period as an option to 13-504 and 13-505 with respect to each governing body that is required to prepare proposed budget statements, including revenue from all sources, amount of cash reserve, estimated expenditures, and others as set forth on the forms prescribed and furnished by the auditor, which are currently required annually.

Section four requires that each governing body hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for either an annual or biennial budget, pursuant to 13-506. Currently in this section, when the total operating budget, not including reserves, does not exceed ten thousand dollars per year, the proposed budget summary may be posted at the governing body's principal headquarters. Language is added to this section to allow for a budget that does not exceed twenty thousand dollars per biennial period for cities that adopt a biennial budget.

Section five amends 13-508 to allow each governing body to file a copy of the adopted budget statement with the state auditor on September 20 of the final year of a biennial period if the city or village adopts a biennial budget.

Section six adds the language on or after the first day of its biennial period for governing bodies to expend any balance of cash on hand for current expenses of the political subdivision, which is currently authorized for annual budgets by 13-509.01.

Amanda McGill, Chairperson