

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB144

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 23, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brasch
One Liner: Provide for write-in candidacy by defeated candidate

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:	1	Senator Karpisek
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Lydia Brasch
Paul Richards

Representing:

Introducer
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Larry Dix

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 144 allows a candidate for a county, city, village or school district office who lost in the primary as a result of a determination pursuant to section 32-1122 to be eligible as a write-in candidate for the same office. Section 32-1122 provides that if a recount after a primary election results in a tie, the canvassing board will decide by lot which person is nominated.

Current law does not allow a person who lost in the primary to run in the general election for the same office, including write-in candidacy, filing by petition, or filing a nomination. A person defeated in the primary may run in the general if there is a vacancy on the ballot for that office.

Bill Avery, Chairperson