

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB197

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 10, 2015
Committee On: Urban Affairs
Introducer: Scheer
One Liner: Provide additional powers to certain sanitary and improvement districts

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Coash, Crawford, Ebke, Hansen, Hughes, McCollister, Krist
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Jim Scheer
Mike Nolan
Lynn Rex

Representing:

District 19
League Association of Risk Management
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Brian Doyle

Representing:

Eastern Nebraska Development Council

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 197 would provide limited additional powers to certain sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs), subject to municipal approval. An SID would only be granted these additional powers if it is: 1) located in a county with a population greater than 5,000 and less than 8,000; 2) located in a county different from the county of the municipality within whose extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction (ETJ) the SID is located; and 3) unable to incorporate due to its close proximity to a municipality; and 4) unable to be annexed by a municipality because the SID is not adjacent or contiguous to such municipality.

Under LB 197, qualifying SIDs would have the power to: 1) regulate and license dogs and other animals; 2) regulate and provide for streets and sidewalks, including the removal of obstructions and encroachments; 3) regulate parking on public roads and rights-of-way relating to snow removal and access by emergency vehicles; and 4) regulate the parking of abandoned motor vehicles.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 390 makes three primary changes to the bill:

- Changes the county size requirement to counties with a population less than 100,000
 - Requires county board approval in addition to municipal approval
 - Clarifies that the bill applies to SIDs located predominantly in a county different from the county of the municipality within whose ETJ the SID is located, not just SIDs located entirely in a different county
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Sue Crawford, Chairperson