

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB561

Hearing Date: Thursday February 12, 2015
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Stinner
One Liner: Name the Irrigation District Act and change election provisions for irrigation districts

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy, Murante
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Stinner
Ron Wolf
Brad Edgerton
Matt Lukasiewicz
Vanessa Silke

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska State Irrigation Association
Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District
Sargent Irrigation District; Farwell Irrigation District
Southside Irrigation District; 30 Mile Irrigation District;
Central Platte NRD

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 561 names the Irrigation District Act. It makes multiple clarifications of elector residence including (in each case, the land must meet the minimum acreage requirements): joint tenants, tenants in common, corporation or other legal entity, life tenancy, land-purchase contracts, estates of deceased electors, trusts and other estates.

LB 561 will also provide that irrigation districts may, at their discretion, provide for the conduct of elections in an irrigation district by the use of mail balloting to make such elections more convenient for electors and encourage greater participation in such irrigation district voting.

John Murante, Chairperson