

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB874**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 28, 2016  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Murante  
**One Liner:** Change procedures for filling vacancies on school boards

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

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Murante  
Jennifer Jorgensen

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of School Boards

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 874 amends section 32-570 to harmonize the process for filling vacancies on school boards. Per the current requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. section 32-570, if a vacancy occurs in the membership of a school board, the term of the appointee varies between the next primary election and elected at the following general election or until the unexpired term depending on the class of the school board. The term length is determined by what date the position becomes vacant. The bill will adopt the current Class V process for all school board classes, changing appointments to fill a vacancy on a school board to be for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2385 amends LB 874 to serve as the election omnibus bill. It does not substantively change the original provisions of LB 874, but includes the following bills:

LB 879 amends section 32-618 to change the signature requirement to place a candidate's name on the partisan ballot for the general election by petition to at least 10 percent of the registered voters entitled to vote for the office.

LB 682 has two substantive provisions. First, it changes the deadline for a voter to request a ballot to vote by mail from 4 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the election to the close of business on the second Friday preceding the election. The 'close of business' language was not included in the original bill. Second, it changes the earliest day an election commissioner or county clerk can send out vote by mail ballots from the 20th day before the election to the 22nd day before the election.

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LB 741 amends section 32-1524 to remove the display of yard signs on private property that is within 200 feet of a polling place, and not under common ownership with a polling place from the list of banned electioneering practices.

LB 787 amends section 32-1527 to allow a voter to voluntarily photograph his or her ballot after it is marked and reveal the photograph.

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John Murante, Chairperson