AMENDMENTS TO LB238

Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28.

1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:

   Section 1. Section 83-970, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

   83-970  (1) Besides the Director of Correctional Services and those persons required to be present under the execution protocol, the following persons, and no others, except as provided in section 83-971, may be present at the execution: (a) (1) The member of the clergy in attendance upon the convicted person; (b) (2) no more than three persons selected by the convicted person; (c) (3) no more than three persons representing the victim or victims of the crime; and (d) (4) such other persons, not exceeding six in number, as the director may designate. At least two persons designated by the director shall be professional members of the Nebraska news media.

   (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the Director of Correctional Services and those persons required to be present under the execution protocol:

   (a) Shall continuously witness the execution process from the moment the convicted person enters the execution chamber until the convicted person is declared dead or the execution is halted; and

   (b) Shall not authorize or permit any person to obstruct, limit, shield, or otherwise impede the witnessing or viewing of an execution by any person permitted or required to be present at such execution.

   (3) The person or persons administering or conducting the execution under the execution protocol may, upon request, wear a mask or otherwise conceal their personal identity from the witnesses.

   Sec. 2. Original section 83-970, Revised Statutes Cumulative
1 Supplement, 2018, is repealed.