

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB294**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 28, 2021  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Flood  
**One Liner:** Exempt certain agency deputy directors and legal counsel from the State Personnel System

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>	3	Senators Hansen, M., Hunt, McCollister
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Mike Flood  
Jason Jackson

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Department of Administrative Services

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

**Representing:**

**Opponents:**  
Albert Davis

**Representing:**  
Sierra Club, Nebraska Chapter

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

This bill would exempt from the State Personnel System both deputy directors and agency legal counsels of agencies with 200 or more employees. Existing personnel would be empowered to either remain under the state personnel rules or make a one-time, final election to become a discretionary employee. Regardless of an individual's employee's election, every such position would become a discretionary one upon being vacated by the current employee.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson