

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB75

Hearing Date: Monday January 25, 2021
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Gragert
One Liner: Change provisions relating to township libraries

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Arch, Brandt, Brewer, Briese, Cavanaugh, J., Groene, Lowe, Wayne

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tim Gragert

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 75 is a bill to allow a county board to hold a public hearing to determine whether a township library will be closed permanently, merged with a city, village, or county library, or be allowed to continue operations independently in the event the township is being discontinued within that county. The bill also provides for library funding to come from a tax assessment to be levied based on the valuation of the property within the township borders as it existed at the time of the discontinuance of the township should the library be allowed to continue its operations independently.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 341 has two provisions. First, it inserts new language requiring a county board to provide notice of hearing to the Nebraska Library Commission and the regional library system for the region in which the township library is located when the county publishes notice for a public hearing to determine the outcome of a township library after the county has voted to discontinue townships within that county.

Second, AM 341 strikes section 2 of the bill, eliminating the new language inserted into section 51-201 which would have frozen the tax levy to pay for the continuation of the township library at the valuation within the township as it existed at the time of discontinuance of township organization.

Tom Briese, Chairperson