

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB861

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 31, 2024
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Linehan
One Liner: Change procedures to remove a name from a petition under the Election Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Hunt, Raybould
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lou Ann Linehan
Clarice Jackson
Hera Varmah

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Self
Jayleesha Cooper/AFC American Federation of Children

Opponents:

Arlo Hettle
Sheri St Clair
Heidi Uhing
Jacob Carmichael
Amber Parker

Representing:

Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
League of Women Voters - Nebraska
Civic Nebraska
Self
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would change the processes involved in removing a signer's name from a petition.

This proposal would eliminate the requirement for a signed, sworn affidavit executed in the presence of an election commissioner, county clerk, or notary public. Instead, a signer would be able to remove his name by signing and delivering a written letter to the Secretary of State, election commissioner, or county clerk at any time up to the day that the petition is filed with the county for verification. A person who falsifies such a letter would be guilty of a Class IV felony.



Explanation of amendments:

AM 2558

The committee amendment would require election officials to verify the signature on the removal letter with the signature appearing in the voter registration records. This amendment would also clarify that the criminal penalty for falsifying a signature withdrawal letter is the same as the penalty for signing a petition when not legally qualified to do so.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson

