

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1075

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2026
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Sanders
One Liner: Provide requirements for certain village warrants, change various provisions of the Election Act, and change election provisions for exceeding a school district's property tax authority

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper
Nay:	1	Senator Hunt
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Kenneth Pancake for Senator Sanders
Wayne Bena
Todd Wiltgen

Tracy Overstreet

Beth Bazyn Ferrell
Christy Abraham

Opponents:

Neutral:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Secretary of State
Lancaster County Election Commissioner, Lancaster County Board, Douglas and Sarpy County Election Commissioner
Nebraska Association of County Officials, County Clerk, Register of Deeds & Election Commission, Hall County Election Office
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Representing:

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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill is the annual omnibus elections cleanup and update bill.

Section 1 would create a new section of statute to provide protocols for village financial management during periods of vacancy on a village board.



Section 2 makes harmonizing changes to the title section of the Election Act.

Sections 3, 4, 8, and 9 would modernize notices sent to county poll workers and notices to candidates affected by a candidate objection via methods other than mail.

Section 5 would reorganize a section pertaining to special election certification and cancellation.

Section 6 would make harmonizing changes to a section relating to how a candidate's name and other information appears on the ballot.

Section 7 deals with candidate name changes.

Sections 10 and 14 move language regarding political parties opting to move from closed to open primaries.

Sections 11 and 12 would provide that county election officers are responsible for publishing election notices and sample ballots except where otherwise provided by law.

Section 13 would allow the maximum precinct size to be calculated based on the number of in-person, polling place voters at that precinct during the last presidential election.

Sections 15, 25, and 26 would move a ballot-curing deadline for voters failing to present photographic identification at the polling place.

Section 16 would clarify what must be written on a spoiled ballot.

Section 17 would repeal an obsolete requirement for voters to provide address verification.

Sections 18, 19, and 21 would add language to distinguish between early voting requests submitted by registered voters versus unregistered individuals and make harmonizing changes.

Sections 20 and 29 would allow for redaction or non-disclosure of sensitive personal information on early voting applications and impediment certifications as well as on precinct sign-in registers.

Sections 22 and 24 would codify policy on agent pickup of a replacement ballot, clarify the deadline for picking up a replacement ballot, and emphasize that signature verification must occur before a replacement ballot can be issued.

Section 23 would change the first day ballots can be mailed for by-mail special elections and in all-mail precincts. Sections 27 and 32 would clarify that watchers and observers may be repositioned in another room if granted access for viewing via a window.

Section 28 would move the deadline to post notice of the county canvassing board's meeting.

Sections 30 and 31 would allow post-election certification paperwork to be submitted to the Secretary of State via email.

Sections 33 and 34 would require payment of estimated recount costs at the time of filing, establish a universally applicable estimate cost per precinct, require an applicant to pay the actual costs in excess of the estimate, shorten the window for requesting a recount, and allow for a candidate-requested recount to occur concurrently with an automatic recount.



Section 35 would harmonize provisions relating to election billing.

Sections 36 and 37 would move an existing penalty for certain fraudulent acts to a new section of statute within the Election Act.

Section 38 would prohibit circulating petitions within fifty feet of a drop box and would provide for a warning by law enforcement or other officials before a criminal citation would be issued.

Section 39 would correct a deadline for a school district to certify an issue to appear on the ballot.

Sections 40 to 45 contain split operative dates, the repealers, and the emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments:

This amendment makes revisions to original LB 1075 as introduced, to adjust the deadline for delivery of election abstracts from counties to the Secretary of State from the third Wednesday after the election to the fourth Wednesday, to harmonize statutory references, to set the cost of a recount at one hundred dollars per precinct voting in the contest, and to strike original section 39 relating to a change in filing deadline for school district submission of a recommendation or public submission of a petition to allow such district to exceed its property tax request authority. (Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 55, and 74)

It also adds provisions, some with substantial changes, from five other bills:

LB 884 (Andersen) relating to voter registration, ballots, and poll watchers/observers, with revisions striking original section 1 mandating use of the federal SAVE database for citizenship verification, and with other changes to account for mid-day ballot pickups at polling places and to eliminate the expense of a closed circuit television requirement. (Sections 18, 33, 34, and 35)

LB 927 (Andersen) prohibiting foreign nationals' involvement with funding and organizing ballot question committees, with revisions adding authority for NADC to assess an administrative fee equal to the actual costs of the commission's investigation and adjudication for a person found to be in violation. (Sections 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 57, 59, 64, and 65)

LB 969 (Hallstrom) creating a database of county and municipal financial information, amended to shift responsibility to DAS instead of the State Auditor, in order to eliminate the fiscal impact on the Auditor. (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)

LB 1002 (Cavanaugh, M.) increasing fees under the Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. (Sections 51, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62, 63, 66, and 67)

LB 1074 (Sanders) revising unclaimed property statutes at the request of the Treasurer. It clarifies timelines for certain reports to the Treasurer, provides a tolling period in certain cases, and creates the Unclaimed Property Liquidation Proceeds Trust Fund. (Sections 68 and 69)

Section 70 contains split operative dates.

Sections 71, 72, and 73 contain the partial repealers.

Section 75 contains the emergency clause.



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Testifiers on LB884:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Andersen , Opening Presenter
Doug Kagan, Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom
Liz Abel, Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom (NTF)
Wayne Bena, Nebraska Secretary of State

Opponents:

Rex Walton, Justice in Action
Nick Grandgenett, Nebraska Appleseed
John Neal, Self
Kieran Kissler, Civic Nebraska
Anne DeVries, Self

Neutral:

Todd Wiltgen, Lancaster County Election Commissioner, Lancaster County Board, Sarpy County Commissioner
Danielle Jensen, Douglas County Election Commission
Beth Bazyn Ferrell, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)

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Testifiers on LB927:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Andersen , Opening Presenter
Robert "Bob" Evnen, Nebraska Secretary of State
Zachary Pohlman, Attorney General's Office
Caitlin Sutherland, Americans for Public Trust
Jason Snead, Honest Elections Project Action
Catherine Gunsalus, Varidon
John Murante, State Shield
Doug Kagan, Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom
Ansley Fellers, Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
David Zebolsky, Choose Life Now.net, Nebraskans Embracing Life
Rose Kohl, Choose Life Now

Opponents: None

Neutral:

Bill Hawkins, Nebraska Hemp Company
Gavin Geis, Common Cause
Scott Danigole, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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Testifiers on LB969:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Hallstrom , Opening Presenter
Candace Meredith, Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)
Laura Ebke, Platte Institute
Ryan McIntosh, Nebraska Bankers Association, National Federation of Independent Business



Opponents: None

Neutral:

Lynn Rex, League of Nebraska Municipalities

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Testifiers on LB1002:

Proponents:

Margaret Buck, LA for Senator Machaela Cavanaugh , Opening Presenter

Scott Danigole, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC)

Opponents:

Kent Rogert, Jensen Rogert Associates

Neutral: None

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Testifiers on LB1074:

Proponents:

Senator Rita Sanders , Opening Presenter

Joey Spellerberg, State Treasurer

Meaghan Aguirre, State Treasurer's Office

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

