

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB997**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 05, 2026  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Andersen  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to emergency contracts in the State Procurement Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Sanders, Andersen, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper
<b>Nay:</b>	3	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Bob Andersen  
Mike Foley  
Lee Will

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Auditor of Public Accounts  
Department of Administrative Services

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Jason Jackson

**Representing:**

Self

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

This bill proposes changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 78-815, to require that a copy of any sole source, emergency contract be provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts within three business days of contract approval.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2365 adds four new sections to LB 997 containing revised provisions from LB 951, a bill proposing that persons who reside in municipal extraterritorial jurisdictions (ETJs) be permitted to vote in city elections. It would also direct cities to redraw their district boundaries accordingly.

The original proposal in LB 951 was revised as follows:

While LB 951 originally addressed all ETJs, under AM 2365 only residents of ETJs emanating from cities of the metropolitan or primary classes would be authorized to vote in city elections.



LB 951 originally proposed that ETJ residents be able to vote in all city elections, but under AM 2365 they would not be permitted to vote in city bond elections.

Testifiers on LB951:

Proponents:

Senator Beau Ballard , Opening Presenter  
Doug Peterson, Self  
Bob Evnen, Nebraska Secretary of State  
Wayne Bena, Nebraska Secretary of State  
Allie Bush, Nebraskans Against Government Overreach Grassroots  
Bo Jones, Self  
Luke Wenz, Platte Institute  
Mike Rezac, Self  
Sam Swartz, Self  
Brett Quinn, Self

Opponents:

Matthew Kuhse, City of Omaha  
Mayor Mike Evans, United Cities of Sarpy County  
David Cary, City of Lincoln  
Lynn Rex, League of NE Municipalities

Neutral:

Todd Wiltgen, Lancaster County Election Commission

Committee vote to attach LB951:

Yes: 5 Andersen, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Sanders, Wordekemper;

No: 3 Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

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Rita Sanders, Chairperson

