

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16CA**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson;  
Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3;  
Sorrentino, 39.

Read first time January 15, 2025

Committee:

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST  
2 SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 **Section 1.** At the general election in November 2026, the following  
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to  
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To amend Article III, section 22:

7 **III-22 (1)** Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the  
8 expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make  
9 further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-  
10 thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

11 (2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers  
12 of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the  
13 Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

14 (3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program  
15 created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required  
16 under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political  
17 subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully  
18 reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level  
19 of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific  
20 appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such  
21 political subdivision.

22 **Sec. 2.** The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
23 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,

1 section 1, with the following ballot language:

2 A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse  
3 political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature  
4 after the year 2026 or for increased levels of service required by the  
5 Legislature after the year 2026.

6 For

7 Against.