

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB90

Chairperson: Senator Terrell McKinney

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2025

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 90 would amend several statutes in Chapter 16 relating to street improvement districts in cities of the first class to more closely match the statutes governing street improvement districts for cities of the second class and villages. Currently, a city of the first class is required to levy special assessments for improvements made within a street improvement district, while cities of the second class and villages have the option of whether to levy special assessments or have the improvements funded at public cost. LB 90 would provide the same option to cities of the first class.

LB 90 also would harmonize certain permitted improvements in districts in cities of the first class and modernize other provisions. The added protections for citizens when special assessments are to be levied will remain in effect, which include clarifying heightened notice requirements and enhanced objection rights to stop formation of a street improvement district. The enhanced objection rights when special assessments are to be levied have been in place since the early 1900s and have served Nebraskan's well, so they are continued in this statutory framework without change.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Stan Clouse