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When we've updated the Election Act, we have not updated the municipal election laws, so they don't contain provisions of the Voting Rights Act or the National Voter Registration Act or Help America Vote Act, and all of these federal laws have become part of the Election Act. Also, the municipal election laws allow the city to designate the location of the polling place, so that means it's possible that a voter would have to go to two different polling places to vote: one to vote for city officials and issues; and one polling place to vote for everything else. The strong majority of cities of the first and second class and villages use the Election Act already. According to a brief survey done by the League of Nebraska Municipalities, six towns and villages actually use these municipal statutes. In order to facilitate uniform election practices, these sections of statute are eliminated, thereby requiring these cities to use the Election Act when conducting elections, meaning, basically, that your county clerk and election commissioner would be in charge of all the elections within that county. And with that, Mr. President, I would simply urge the advancement of LB 927.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on LB 927. Now open for discussion on that motion to advance to E & R Initial. Senator Schimek, there are no senators wishing to...she waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 927 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Question before the body is to advance LB 927 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. LB 927 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next legislative bill, when you get time.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 936 was introduced by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 9, referred to the General Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.