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candidate must apply for that background check at least 30 days prior to the filing deadline, and the candidate must also have received a minimum combined score on the reading comprehension and English language portions of an adult basic education exam that has been designed by the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. To put it in a nutshell, now the bill just asks that someone who wants to be a county sheriff in Nebraska prove that he or she is not a felon and that they can read or write English at a basic level. Now we come to the amendment. It doesn't make any changes...major changes in the bill. All it does is try to make the language a little more precise. What the amendment says, that if a candidate for sheriff already has a law enforcement officer certificate issued by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement, he or she does not have to go to the trouble of obtaining a letter from the director of the training center saying that he or she has met the two requirements of the bill. This is because that, in order to be a certified law enforcement officer, one would have already had to meet these two requirements. So there's no need to provide that proof again. And next, where the bill talks about the background examination, the bill would make that language a little more precise. Right now, the bill does not specify when that background investigation has to be done. So theoretically, a person could have had a background investigation ten years ago, and during the intervening years could have been up to all kinds of mischief. And to prevent that, this amendment simply requires that the background investigation be performed within one calendar year to the deadline for filing the candidate filing form. And finally, where the bill mentions the filing deadline, the amendment also tightens up that language a bit by specifying that it's referring to the deadline for the candidate filing form. Senator Schimek, the Government and Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and I have really worked on this. We've tried to come up with the most precise and specific language that we can, and I think that this amendment, AM2320, accomplishes our goal. Of course, if there are other changes that you feel should be made to improve the bill, we would be happy to look at those. If you support the bill already and its basic underlying accomplish...what it's supposed to accomplish, then I would ask that you would also vote for this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.