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LB 7 provides that a clerk of the district court elected after 2008 does not need to be a resident of the county in which he or she files for election, but is required to reside in the county when holding office.

LB 24 (Friend) Change provisions relating to work done on radiological instruments by the Military Department

LB 24 is a technical, harmonizing bill which clarifies the Military Department's authority to replace, repair, or calibrate radiological instruments.

Fees for calibration are paid in advance. Other fees will be paid when receipted from the Military Department by the responsible agency.

LB 52 (Fischer) Change employment qualifications relating to county veterans service offices

LB 52 changes the employment qualifications for county veteran service offices.

County veteran service officers and members of the county veterans service committees will be required to have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. Current law requires these employees to have served during a time of conflict as defined in section 80-401.01.

All personnel, except clerical and special help, of the county veterans service offices will be required to have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and have received an honorable discharge. Current law requires them to have served during a time of conflict and have received discharge of general (under honorable conditions).

The committee amendment changes the qualifications for personnel, except clerical and special help, of the county veterans service offices to allow such persons to be discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of general (under honorable conditions). This is the current job qualification for these positions, and the committee amendment reinstates that qualification.

LB 55 (Fischer) Change qualifications for office for county attorneys and the Attorney General

LB 55 changes the qualifications for county attorneys and the Attorney General.

For the office of county attorney, LB 55 requires that no person will seek nomination or appointment for the office of county attorney or serve as county attorney unless he or she has been admitted to the practice of law in Nebraska.

For the office of Attorney General, LB 55 requires a candidate for Attorney General to have been admitted to the practice of law for at least two years next preceding the date such candidate would take office.

The bill was amended on Select File to remove the additional qualifications for the office of Attorney General.

LB 131 (Dubas) Change the boundary descriptions of Merrick and Polk counties

LB 131 clarifies the boundaries between Polk and Merrick counties by using global positioning coordinates instead of the Platte River.

LB 133 (Heidemann) Change location requirements for county postprimary conventions

LB 133 requires the county postprimary convention of a political party to be held in the county any time during the first ten days in June following the statewide primary election.

Current law limits the location of the convention to the courthouse or other suitable place at the county seat.

LB 154 (Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee) Eliminate certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, working groups, and related statutory provisions

LB 154 eliminates the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and working groups:

State Airline Authority
Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant and Contract Review Committee
Donor Registry Advisory Board
Advisory Committee to the Ethanol Board
Health Benefit Plan Committee
Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council
Advisory Committee for Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substance Storage

Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee
Small Business Development Authority
Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Advisory Committee
Commission on the Status of Women
Biopower Steering Committee
Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature
Broadband Services Task Force
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Special Education Services Task Force
Working Group to Study Sex Offender Treatment and Management Services
Tax Policy Reform Commission
Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council
Teen Tobacco Education and Prevention Project Committee
Vote Nebraska Initiative
Regional Interoperability Advisory Board

The committee amendment makes three changes to the bill.

The first change removes the Biopower Steering Committee from the bill, thereby retaining the committee in statute.

The second change removes the Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant and Contract Review Committee from the bill, thereby retaining the committee in statute.

Finally, the committee amendment includes provisions of LB 115 which eliminates the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board.

The bill was further amended on the floor to remove the State Airline Authority from the bill, thereby retaining the Authority in statute.

Portions/Provisions of LB 115 were amended into LB 154.

LB 167 (Avery) Provide for discount program participation and electronic funds transfers for state employees

LB 167 provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, any state employee may participate in an employee discount program administered by the Department of Administrative Services.

The bill also allows the Department of Administrative Services to pay wages and reimbursable expenses to state employees by electronic funds transfer or similar means of direct deposit. Currently, DAS can only make electronic funds transfers for wages. Language requiring a state employee to consent to electronic funds transfer or

direct deposit is eliminated. Also eliminated is language providing that DAS may not require a state employee to use electronic funds transfer or direct deposit.

The bill was amended on Select File to clarify that the employee discount program will be available to all state employees.

LB 168 (Avery) Provide for reverse auctions by the state purchasing bureau

LB 168 allows the state purchasing bureau to use a reverse auction to acquire goods if the bureau determines it would be advantageous to the state.

Reverse auction is defined as a process in which a) bidders compete to provide goods in an open and interactive environment, b) the bids are opened and made public immediately, and c) bidders are given opportunity to submit revised bids until process is complete.

If the bureau conducts a reverse auction, it will provide notification of the intent to use reverse auction and an award will be made to the lowest responsible bidder. The bureau may contract with a third-party vendor to conduct a reverse auction.

LB 207 (Avery) Change provisions governing the Governor's residence and powers of the Department of Administrative Services and the Director of Administrative Services

LB 207 contains three provisions relating to state buildings and properties.

The first provision provides that the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission will conduct an annual inspection of the Governor's residence. Current law requires the inspection to be completed in June.

The second provision allows the Department of Administrative Services to lease state property to a private entity to provide necessary services when the space is not needed for public use.

Finally, the bill outright repeals section 81-1108.40 which allowed the Department of Administrative Services to purchase a building to house the Nebraska Library Commission.

LB 322 (Avery) Prohibit nepotism and supervision of family members by executive branch officials and employees

LB 322 prohibits an official or employee in the executive branch from engaging in nepotism and from acting as a supervisor to his or her family member. The head of an agency may grant an exception from the prohibition of nepotism or supervision of a family member upon a showing of good cause.

An executive branch employee or official who becomes a supervisor to his or her family member other than by nepotism, will notify the head of the agency within seven days of becoming aware of the situation.

Any person violating these provisions will be subject to disciplinary action, in addition to other penalties authorized under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Family member is defined as an individual who is the spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, or grandparent, by blood, marriage or adoption, of an executive branch official or employee.

Nepotism is defined as the act of hiring, promoting or advancing a family member in state government or recommending the hiring, promotion or advancement of a family member in state government.

Supervisor is defined as an individual having authority to hire, transfer, suspend, promote, or discipline employees, and the responsibility to direct them or to adjust their grievances, if the exercise is not merely of a routine or clerical nature.

Section 49-1499.01 dealing with the prohibition of executive branch officials and employees employing immediate family members is outright repealed.

The bill also provides that the Legislature intends the legislative and judicial branch of state government to implement policies regarding nepotism and supervision of a family member.

LB 348 (Janssen) Change access and fee provisions relating to real estate tax statements

LB 348 allows any person to have access to a deed to real estate, memorandum of contract or land contract at the office of the register of deeds. Currently, these statements are available at the office of the Tax Commissioner or the county assessor.

The bill also provides that legal newspapers will not be charged a fee for copies of these real estate tax statements.

The committee amendment removes from the bill the provision providing free copies of the real estate tax statements to legal newspapers.

LB 361 (Avery) Change roll call provisions under the Open Meetings Act

LB 361 allows entities created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act and the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act to utilize an electronic voting device to record roll call or viva voce votes of the governing body of such entities. Currently, only municipalities are authorized to utilize an electronic voting device.

The committee amendment makes several changes to the bill.

The first change adds counties to the list of entities who are allowed to utilize electronic voting devices to satisfy the requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote.

The committee amendment also adds the provisions of two bills: LB 465 and LB 639.

The provisions of LB 465 add educational service units to the list of public entities which are allowed to hold public meetings by videoconferencing and telephone conference.

The provisions of LB 639 allow a governing body of a risk management pool and the advisory committees of the governing body to hold more than half of their meetings by telephone conference if the governing body's quarterly meetings are held in person. Under current law, no more than one-half of the meetings in a calendar year held by governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees may be held by telephone conference call.

Portions/Provisions of LB 465 and LB 639 were amended into LB 361.

LB 402 (Avery) Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act

LB 402 changes certain provisions of the Convention Center Facility Assistance Act.

With LB 402, no general obligation bonds will be issued until authorized by greater than fifty percent of the electors voting on the question as to their issuance at any election as defined in section 32-108. Current law requires the bonds be authorized by greater than 51% of the voters. The current law also allows the election at only a statewide regular primary or general election. With this bill, general obligation bond elections may be held at any statewide or local primary, special, joint, or general election.

The final change extends the deadline for the board created under this Act to accept applications for assistance until December 31, 2010. The current deadline for applications is June 1, 2010.

The bill was amended twice on the floor. The first change extends the deadline for the board to accept applications until December 31, 2012. Also, the bill was amended to include the provisions of LB 128 which provides the enabling legislation for a constitutional amendment which allows cities with more than 5,000 inhabitants to diversify the investments of their endowment funds.

LB 422 (Cornett) Define veteran of the Global War on Terror

LB 422 defines veteran of the Global War on Terror to mean a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and within the borders of the Republic of Iraq or the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan beginning on September 14, 2001 and ending on the date prescribed by presidential proclamation. The bill also applies to a citizen of the United States who at the time of his or entry into service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States.

The committee amendment removes language which specifies the Republic of Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan when defining a veteran of the Global War on Terror.

LB 434 (Janssen) Change ballot questions regarding township organization

LB 434 changes the questions on the ballot when voting on township organization.

When a county is deciding whether to adopt the township organization, the questions on the ballot will be: For changing to township organization with a seven member board of supervisors; or Against changing to township organization. Current language states: For township organization or Against township organization.

When a county is deciding whether to discontinue township organization, the questions on the ballot will be: For discontinuance of township organization and creation of a county board of commissioners; or Against changing to a commissioner form of county government. The county votes on whether there will be five or seven county commissioners. The current language states: For continuance of township organization; or For discontinuance of township organization and creation of a county board of commissioners.

LB 450 (Campbell) Change Nebraska State Capitol Environs District height restriction provisions

LB 450 changes the area west of the Capitol building that is included in the State Capitol Environs District and thereby subject to height restrictions. The bill extends the west axial from 10th Street to Fifth Street.

LB 488 (Gloor) Change provisions relating to veterans' homes

LB 488 allows all persons who served in the armed forces of the United States and who were discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) to be eligible to be a resident at a Nebraska veterans' home. Currently, only veterans who have served during times of war are allowed to be residents.

The committee amendment adds language clarifying that veterans who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than active duty for training, are eligible for admission to a Nebraska veterans' home.

LB 501 (Sullivan) Change provisions relating to submission of ballot issues and elections by mail

Currently, a governmental unit may exceed the allowable growth percentage if approved by voters at a special election. With LB 501, the county clerk or election commissioner will call for a special election on the issue within 30 days after receipt of the governing body recommendation or legal voter petition. The current requirement is 15 days.

The bill also expands the number of counties eligible for conducting elections by mail to counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants. Current law allows counties with less than 7000 inhabitants to conduct elections by mail.

The final changes in the bill relate to the Local Option Revenue Act. If a municipality decides to submit to the voters the issue of changing or imposing a sales and use tax, the certified copy of the resolution proposing the tax will be submitted to the election commissioner or county clerk by March 1 for a primary election, by September 1 for a general election, or at least 50 days before a special election.

If the qualified electors of any municipality petition the governing body to submit the question of a sales or use tax at least 75 days before the next primary, general or special election, the governing body will submit the question at the next such election. The current deadline is 45 days before an election.

The committee amendment adds the provisions of LB 362 which requires the candidate filing forms to contain the candidate's name, residence address, mailing

address if different from residence address, telephone number, office sought, and party affiliation if seeking a partisan office.

Portions/Provisions of LB 362 were amended into LB 501.

LB 503 (Langemeier) Adopt the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act

LB 503 creates the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act (Act).

Under LB 503, any shooting range existing on the effective date of this act may continue to operate, notwithstanding any zoning, noise or discharge of a firearm law, rule, regulation or ordinance enacted thereafter.

A shooting range is permitted to do certain activities if done in compliance with generally recognized operation practices.

A political subdivision may limit the hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. that an outdoor sport shooting range may operate, but this limitation does not apply to a law enforcement officer or a member of the armed forces. Anyone who is shooting at a shooting range between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. is presumed to not be engaging in unlawful conduct merely because of the noise.

The bill adds sport shooting to the list of recreational activities protected under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces them with the following provisions.

The committee amendment, like the original bill, creates the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act.

Definitions of firearm, person, shooting range, and shooting range performance standards are defined in the amendment. The Game and Parks Commission will adopt and promulgate as rules and regulations the shooting range performance standards which are defined as the National Rifle Associations range source book. The commission will review the standards at least once every five years and revise them if necessary for the continuing safe operation of shooting ranges.

Any shooting range that is existing and lawful may continue to operate as a shooting range notwithstanding any law, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution related to zoning or noise enacted thereafter by any political subdivision of the state, if operated in compliance with the shooting range performance standards.

Similarly, no law, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution relating to the discharge of a firearm at an existing and lawful shooting range will be enforced by any political subdivision of the state if operated in compliance with the shooting range performance

standards, except such political subdivision may limit the hours between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. that an outdoor shooting range may operate.

A shooting range that is existing and lawful will be permitted to do the certain activities if done in compliance with the shooting range performance standards, including: repair or remodel the facilities in the interest of public safety; reconstruct or resume the use of a facility; or do anything authorized under generally recognized operation practices.

Anyone who is shooting in compliance with the shooting range performance standards at a shooting range between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. is presumed not to be engaging in unlawful conduct merely because of the noise.

Except as otherwise provided, this act does not prohibit a political subdivision from regulating the location and construction of a shooting range.

No person or public entity will take title to property which has a shooting range by condemnation or eminent domain when the proposed use of the property would be for shooting-related activities or recreational activities or for private commercial development. This does not limit the use of eminent domain necessary for infrastructure additions or improvements.

The amendment eliminates language regarding the addition of sport shooting to the list of recreational activities protected under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act.

Finally, the amendment limits municipalities from regulating shooting galleries as provided in the Act.

The bill was amended on Select File to clarify that if a shooting range expands, repairs or remodels its facilities it will be done in accordance with generally applicable building and safety codes.

LB 532 (Price) Provide for the adoption of ordinances by counties

LB 532 allows counties to enact ordinances to maintain the peace, government, and welfare of the county, to preserve order, to protect public and private property, and to promote the health, safety, welfare and general interests of the county.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces it with the following provisions:

Counties may regulate by ordinance for the following issues: parking as it pertains to snow removal and access by emergency vehicles; motor vehicles; graffiti; false alarms caused by an emergency alarm system; and public indecency.

Any ordinance adopted by the county will be enforced by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and recoverable costs and attorney's fees or other penalty adopted by ordinance.

The committee amendment outlines the procedure for adopting ordinances, including notice requirements, when ordinances will be read and received into evidence in all courts without further proof, the requirements of reading the ordinance by title, and how ordinances are published once adopted.

To adopt any ordinance, a concurrence of a majority of the whole number of the board members will be required.

Ordinances will contain no subject that is not expressed in the title. No ordinance will be revised or amended unless the new ordinance contains the entire ordinance as revised or amended and the ordinance so amended is repealed except in situations where an ordinance is revising all of the ordinances of the county or when an ordinance is used solely to adopt statutory changes made by the Legislature which bring the ordinances into compliance with state law.

No ordinance will go into effect until fifteen days after the adoption of such ordinance.

Finally, these provisions will not be exercised within the limits of any incorporated city or village nor within the area over which a city or village has been granted and is exercising such powers. At such time as a city or village exercises control over an unincorporated area by the adoption of an ordinance, the ordinance will supersede any similar ordinance of the county.

The bill was amended on Select File to change the procedures for adopting county ordinances.

LB 533 (Price) Change expense reimbursement provisions for state employees, state officers and others

LB 533 changes expense reimbursement provisions for state employees and officers.

Under LB 533, state officers and employees will be required to present request for payment to the Director of Administrative Services not later than 60 days after the final day on which expenses were incurred. Currently, the reimbursement must be requested each month. Each request will be fully itemized including the amount, date, place, and essential character of the expense incurred.

The bill changes provisions relating to reimbursement for mileage by automobile. When requesting reimbursement for travel by automobile, the request will include the

license plate number, the total miles traveled and the rate per mile. The language requiring information of the owner of the automobile used is eliminated.

Finally, the exception that meals do not require receipts for reimbursement is eliminated.

The committee amendment adds an emergency clause to the bill.

BILL SUMMARIES: PASSED NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR

LB 626 (Karpisek) Change prohibited activities for public officials and public employees use of public resources

LB 626 makes several changes to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (Act) regarding the use of public resources.

First, the bill provides that any use of public resources by a public official or public employee which is incidental, de minimus, or unintentional will not constitute a violation of the sections dealing with personal financial gain or use of public resources.

Unless otherwise provided by another agreement or contract, a public official or employee may use a telephone or computer under the control of a governmental body for emails and calls in certain circumstances, such as calling a teacher, doctor or family member. The communication will be kept to a minimum and not interfere with public business.

The bill prohibits a public official or employee from intentionally using public resources for campaigning for or against a candidate or ballot question. The current law does not include the word “intentionally.”

The bill expands who can use public resources for expressing and communicating opinions regarding candidates or ballot question. Under current law, legislators can use public funds for these purposes. LB 626 expands it to include public officials and public employees. Because of that change, the bill clarifies that public officials and employees are not authorized to utilize mass mailings at public expense for campaigning for or against candidates or ballot questions.

A public employee is not prohibited from using public resources consistent with the Act for the purpose of researching or campaigning for or against candidates and ballots questions if under the direction and supervision of a public official. Again, the current provisions only apply to an employee of the Legislature.

Public officials, public employees and government bodies are not prohibited from preparing and presenting information demonstrating the consequences of the passage or defeat of a ballot question, resolution, or ordinance.

Finally, public officials or public employees are not prohibited from identifying themselves by their official titles.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces them with the following provisions:

With the committee amendment, any use of public resources by a public official or public employee which is incidental or de minimis will not constitute a violation of the sections

in the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act dealing with personal financial gain or use of public resources.

Language providing that unintentional violations of these sections would not constitute a violation is eliminated. A resource of government, including a vehicle, will not be considered a public resource and personal use will not be prohibited if the use for personal purposes is part of the public official's or public employee's compensation provided by a government body and the personal use of the resource is reported as compensation in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and taxes are paid. If authorized by the contract or policy, the resource may be used whether or not the public official or public employee is engaged in the duties of his or her public office or public employment.

Use of a government vehicle to travel to a designated location or the home of a public official or public employee is permissible when the primary purpose of the travel serves a government purpose and the use is pursuant to a written policy approved by a government body.

Pursuant to a collective-bargaining agreement, a public facility may be used by a bargaining unit to meet, but the bargaining unit is not authorized to use public resources for the purpose of campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the passage or defeat of a ballot question.

A public official or public employee is not prohibited from using his or her personal cellular telephone, handheld device or computer to access a wireless network which access is provided to the public by a government body. Unless otherwise restricted by another agreement or contract, a public official or employee may use a telephone or computer under the control of a governmental body for emails and calls in certain circumstances, such as calling a teacher, doctor or family member. The communication will be kept to a minimum and not interfere with public business. A public official or public employee shall be responsible for reimbursement of charges that directly result from the communication.

The committee amendment allows a public employee under the direct supervision of a public official to respond to specific inquiries as to his or her opinion on a ballot question or to provide information in response to a request for information. Currently, only public officials are allowed to respond to specific inquiries regarding ballot questions.

A public official or public employee, in the normal course of his or her duties, is not prohibited from using public resources to research and prepare materials to assist the government body for which the individual is a public official or public employee in determining the effect of the ballot question on that government body. An individual holding elective office is not prohibited from using public resources to express or communicate his or her opinion regarding a ballot question affecting the government body for which the individual holds the elective office. Mass mailings, mass duplication, or other mass communications at public expense are not authorized for the purpose of

supporting or opposing a ballot question. Mass communication does not include placing public records regarding the consequences of the passage or defeat of a ballot question on an existing governmental website.

A public official or public employee is not prohibited from identifying himself or herself by his or her official title.

Finally, the committee amendment defines ballot question to mean any question which is submitted or intended to be submitted to a vote including initiatives, referendums, recalls or votes on judicial retention. Ballot question also means any question which has been submitted to a vote as a result of legislative action or adoption of a resolution by a political subdivision to place an issue on the ballot.

The bill was amended on General File to remove language allowing an individual holding elective office to use public resources to express or communicate his or her opinion regarding a ballot question affecting the government body for which the individual holds the elective office.

BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS ON GENERAL FILE

LB 139 (Avery) Rename the Commission on Mexican-Americans

LB 139 changes the name of the Commission on Mexican-Americans to the Commission on Hispanic-Americans.

The committee amendment changes the name of the Commission on Mexican-Americans to the Commission on Latino-Americans.

Any money remaining in the Commission on Mexican-Americans Cash Fund on the effective date of this act will be transferred to the Commission on Latino-Americans Cash Fund, which is created.

LB 279 (Avery) Require notification to military installations regarding development of real property

LB 279 requires municipalities and counties to provide notification to a military installation which is located within its jurisdiction regarding any development of property which may affect the military installation.

The municipality or county will deliver the notification of the development to the official in charge of the installation. The notification will include the name of the property owner, the location of the development, and a description of the type of development.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces them with the following provisions:

When a city or county is considering the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance or approval of the platting or replatting of any development of real estate, the city or county will notify any military installation located in the city or county if the city or county has received a written request for such notification from the military installation. The county or city will deliver the notification at least ten days prior to the meeting in which the proposal is to be considered.

LB 280 (Avery) Create the Commission on Military Affairs

LB 280 creates the Commission on Military Affairs which will work with local, state, and federal officials to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to support the best interests of the military assets of Nebraska and the nation.

The commission will be composed of five members, including the Adjutant General. The Governor will appoint the members, with the approval of the Legislature. The bill

outlines the terms of members, how to fill a vacancy, and when the Governor may remove a member.

The commission will select a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary from among its members. The commission will meet as determined by the commission and will keep a record of its proceedings. Members, other than the Adjutant General, will be paid a per diem of \$50 for each day engaged in the performance of their duties.

The commission will employ an executive director and may employ a general counsel and other staff as necessary. The commission will prepare an annual report summarizing the military assets of Nebraska and the economic impact of those assets. The report will also include recommendations for preserving and sustaining military assets and missions in Nebraska and what actions may be taken to encourage expansion of such assets.

LB 325 (Nelson) Change provisions relating to elections

LB 325 makes several changes to the Election Act, including changes to provisions relating to when voters receive provisional ballots, the duties of an election commissioner or county clerk when information is received that a voter has moved, and where candidates for city and villages offices file candidate filing forms.

The amendment strikes all of the original sections and inserts the following new provisions:

If the name of a registered voter does not appear on the precinct list due to error, the election commissioner or county clerk will designate whether the voter is entitled to a regular ballot or a provisional ballot. Currently, the poll worker makes the correction in the precinct list and allows the voter to receive a regular ballot.

Similarly, if a registered voter moves to a new residence within the same county and precinct but the voter registration register does not reflect that move, the election commissioner or county clerk will designate whether the voter is entitled to a regular ballot or a provisional ballot. Currently, the voter is allowed to complete a new voter registration application to update his or her address and is then allowed to receive a regular ballot.

When an election commissioner or county clerk receives information that a registered voter has moved, the election commissioner or county clerk will update the voter registration register to indicate the voter may have moved. Currently, the law requires the election official to immediately update the voter registration record.

For candidates running for city or village offices, the candidate filing form will be filed with the election commissioner or county clerk. Currently, these offices file with the city or village clerk.

Finally, the amendment changes the language on the form when a person is challenged on eligibility to vote based on age to make it consistent with the voter registration form.

LB 475 (Stuthman) Eliminate the position of county comptroller

LB 475 eliminates the position of county comptroller. In current law, any county having a population over 300,000 inhabitants shall have a county comptroller. The county clerk is designated as the county comptroller.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and replaces them with the following provisions:

In any county in which a metropolitan class city is located, the elected position of county comptroller is created. The county comptroller will act as the chief auditing officer, internal auditor, and have general auditing authority over all officers of the county. No person will seek nomination or appointment for the office of county comptroller, nor serve in that capacity, unless he or she has been issued a certificate of certified public accountant by the Board of Public Accountancy.

The county clerk will serve as the ex officio county comptroller until the county comptroller is elected in 2010. The county comptroller will be elected on the statewide general ballot in 2010 and each four years thereafter. The county comptroller will be elected on a partisan ballot.

The county comptroller need not be a resident of the county when he or she files for election, but a county comptroller will reside in the county when he or she holds office.

The county comptroller will execute a bond in a sum not less than \$1000 to be fixed by the county board.

Sections 23-1402, 23-1403 and 23-1404, dealing with duties of the county comptroller, are outright repealed because they contain duties which are duplicative of the duties of the county clerk.

LB 512 (Lautenbaugh) Change airport zoning provisions relating to the regulation of airport hazards

LB 512 amends the Airport Zoning Act to provide that every political subdivision that has adopted a comprehensive plan and zoning regulations and has an airport hazard area within the area of its zoning jurisdiction will adopt airport zoning regulations for

the airport hazard area. These regulations will meet the minimum regulations as prescribed by the Department of Aeronautics.

LB 544 (Giese) Require the Secretary of State to publish guidelines for election workers

LB 544 requires the Secretary of State to develop and publish guidelines for election workers, including the conduct of election workers on Election Day. The guidelines may also cover other conduct of election workers, taking into account variations between counties with and without election commissioners.

LB 550 (Avery) Change provisions relating to Military Department personnel and provide peace officer powers to National Guard members

LB 550 changes provisions relating to Military Department personnel. With LB 550, the Military Department will consist of the Adjutant General in the minimum grade of lieutenant colonel, one deputy adjutant general, a chief of staff of the Military Department or deputy director with a minimum grade of colonel, one assistant director for Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, and other officers and enlisted personnel in the number and grade as prescribed by the United States Department of the Army and Department of the Air Force personnel documents.

The chief of the National Guard Bureau will appoint a United States property and fiscal officer who will hold the minimum grade of colonel. The Governor will nominate one or more officers for the position after consultation with the Adjutant General.

LB 550 extends law enforcement authority the Nebraska National Guard members serving in federal Title 32 United States Code status. It also extends law enforcement authority to National Guard members from other states and territories that come to the aid of Nebraska. Currently, National Guard members have law enforcement authority while on state active duty orders in a state status.

The bill requires the Governor to specifically grant law enforcement authority and provides the ability to limit it when necessary. Currently this authority is granted automatically upon a call to state active duty.

LB 635 (Mello) Change reporting requirements for political party committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

LB 635 makes several changes to the reporting requirements of political party committees.

Specifically, the bill requires political party committees to file the same campaign statements as other committees. Currently, political party committees file a separate campaign statement as outlined in section 49-1457.

A contribution received as a result of subscriptions for political purposes to a political party committee that is \$50 or less will not be an anonymous contribution. Under current law, anonymous contributions cannot be accepted or expended.

Finally, a political party committee which makes a late independent expenditure will report the expenditure in the same manner as an independent committee which makes a late independent expenditure.

The committee amendment makes harmonizing and technical changes to the bill to provide that political parties will file the same campaign statements as other committees and will be required to report late independent expenditures in the same manner as independent committees.

LB 638 (Lautenbaugh) Repeal the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

LB 638 repeals the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and changes reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Reporting thresholds of contributions and expenditures are lowered to \$50. Current threshold levels are \$250 in most cases, but some thresholds are \$1000.

The bill also requires, beginning January 1, 2012, the electronic filing of campaign statements within five days after the receipt of a contribution or making an expenditure. Certain reports are required to be filed the next business day after receipt of a contribution or making an expenditure. Beginning January 1, 2010, the reports may be filed as described in current law or electronically.

The Accountability and Disclosure Commission is required by January 1, 2012 to make campaign statements available on its website on or before the next business day after receipt by the commission. By January 1, 2010, the commission will adopt rules and regulations to establish the procedures for electronic filing.

LB 674 (Nantkes) Authorize establishment of an internal auditing system by the University of Nebraska

LB 674 applies in the event the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska establishes an internal auditing system consisting of an audit committee, an auditor, and other personnel.

The final audit reports issued will be maintained permanently as a public record and a copy of the audit reports will be provided to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

The audit committee or auditor will have access to all records of any University of Nebraska-related unit, unless access to the records is prohibited by federal or state law.

When an audit or investigative finding emanates from nonpublic information pursuant to federal or state law, such nonpublic information is not a public record.

Working papers and other audit files maintained by the audit committee or auditor are not public records. The information contained in the working papers and audit files are not a public record except to a county attorney or Attorney General in connection to an investigation, to the Legislative Performance Audit Committee in the course of their official duties, or to federal agencies that have made grants to the University of Nebraska. The audit committee may make the working papers available for purposes of an external quality control review. However, any reports made from such external quality control review are not a public record.

If any member of the audit committee or the auditor knowingly divulges confidential information, the person will be subject to removal or impeachment in addition to being guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

The bill defines audit committee, auditor, and working papers.

The committee amendment makes several changes to the original bill.

The first change clarifies that when an audit or investigative finding emanates from public records, such public records will remain public.

Also, the Auditor of Public Accounts in the course of his or her official duties will have access to working papers and other audit files maintained by the audit committee or auditor.

Finally, the State Government Effectiveness Act is amended to add the University of Nebraska internal auditor to the definition of “official.” The effect of this change is to allow state employees to report wrongdoing to the internal auditor and receive the protections afforded under the State Government Effectiveness Act.

BILL SUMMARIES: BILLS HELD IN COMMITTEE

LB 17 (White) Provide for a tuition waiver for combat-injured veterans

LB 17 provides that the University of Nebraska, state colleges, and the community colleges will waive all tuition on behalf of a veteran who is a) separated from military service as a result of combat-related injuries or b) permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service.

An application for a waiver will be submitted through a recognized veterans organization or a county veterans service worker after a thorough investigation to determine the applicant's eligibility. The application is then transmitted to the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

The director will certify to the university or colleges if the applicant is eligible for a waiver. The decision of the director, absent fraud or misrepresentation, is final and binding.

The waiver will be valid for one degree, diploma, or certificate from a community college and one baccalaureate degree. Receipt of a degree, diploma, or certificate from a community college will precede the receipt of the baccalaureate degree.

LB 33 (Fulton) Change county zoning provisions with respect to density of population

LB 33 allows every county in which a city of the primary class is located (i.e. Lancaster) to regulate and restrict the density of population, including the voluntary transfer of noncontiguous residential density of population rights.

LB 66 (Rogert) Change limits on contributions and gifts under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

LB 66 increases the limits on contributions and gifts under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Specifically, the bill includes the following:

It excludes food and beverages, not to exceed \$100 in value during a calendar year, from the definition of contribution. The current amount is \$50.

Gifts of acknowledgment from committees are raised from \$50 to \$100 to any one individual.

The prohibition of accepting a contribution or expenditure of more than \$50 in cash is raised to \$100. Contributions and expenditures of more than \$100 in cash will be made by written instrument containing the name of the payor and payee.

Currently, persons are prohibited from accepting or expending an anonymous contribution with the exception of contributions received as the result of a fundraising event, or from the sale of political merchandise, or from fees, dues, or subscriptions for political purposes to an independent committee. Under LB 66, amount of contribution which is not considered anonymous is raised from \$50 to \$100.

Finally, gifts from principals and lobbyists to officials and employees in the legislative and executive branches are raised from \$50 to \$100 within one calendar month.

LB 86 (Wallman) Change the Capitol Landscape Restoration Master Plan

LB 86 provides that the implementation of the Capitol Landscape Restoration Master Plan may begin as soon as practicable during the capitol renovation, and at least 70% of the landscaping design will be completed by completion of the Capitol Masonry Restoration Project.

The Department of Administrative Services may contract for the technical specifications and fabrication of the courtyard fountains. The Nebraska Capitol Commission will consult the original design specification of the fountains during the planning and construction phase.

LB 115 (Louden) Eliminate the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board

LB 115 eliminates the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board.

Portions/Provisions of LB 115 were amended into LB 154.

LB 125 (Avery) Provide for voter registration on election day

LB 125 allows electors to register to vote and vote on election day by completing a registration application. The elector may register and vote at either the election commissioner or county clerk's office or at his or her polling place. If the election is conducted by mail, the elector will register to vote and vote at the election commissioner or county clerk's office.

If the elector is registering in Nebraska for the first time and has not previously voted in the state, the elector is required to present a current, valid, photo identification or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other current

government document that shows the name and address of the elector as they appear on the application.

The county clerk or election commissioner will, upon determining that credible evidence exists that a person is eligible to register and vote on election day, make the appropriate entries in the voter registration register to create a voter registration record for such person.

LB 126 (Avery) Require financial disclosure statements from constitutional officers and candidates

LB 126 requires candidates for and officers serving as Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer or Attorney General to file a financial disclosure report at the time he or she files a candidate filing form and on the first day of each calendar quarter while he or she is in office. A candidate for or officer serving as Lieutenant Governor will file a financial disclosure report at the time he or she files a written consent to run for the office and on the first day of each calendar quarter while he or she is in office.

The financial disclosure report will include the full name of the individual, the office for which he or she is a candidate or which he or she holds, the dollar amount of any salary or wages received on a calendar year basis, the full name and address of each person from whom the individual receives the salary or wages, and an estimate of the amount of time spent in a calendar year in return for the salary or wages.

A civil fine is imposed if any person fails to file the financial disclosure report with the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

LB 191 (Fulton) Provide for a waiver of a fine or penalty for an information collection requirement for small businesses

LB 191 prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from imposing a fine or penalty on a small business for an initial violation of such agency's or political subdivision's information collection requirements unless:

- a. the failure to impose such fine or penalty would interfere with the investigation into criminal activity;
- b. the violation infringes upon a provision of the Internal Revenue Code or the collection of any tax, debt, revenue, or receipt; or
- c. the violation was not corrected within six months after written notice.

These provisions do not apply when the small business has previously violated an information collection requirement.

LB 295 (Campbell) Provide and change recording requirements for filings with the register of deeds

LB 295 provides guidelines for documents filed with the register of deeds.

With LB 295, margins, paper size, weight of paper, color of ink, and font size are specified. If an instrument does not meet the requirements prior to January 1, 2012, the register of deeds will charge an additional fee of \$10. On or after January 1, 2012, the register of deeds will refuse to record the instrument. Certain instruments are exempted from these requirements, such as instruments signed before the effective date of the act, instruments executed outside of the United States, and instruments formatted to meet court requirements.

Also, the bill requires every instrument recorded to contain certain information such as information of the person who prepared the instrument, the name and address of the taxpayer, a return address, and the name of the instrument.

LB 321 (Avery) Provide for state employees to participate in mentoring programs

LB 321 allows a state employee to request up to four hours per month of mentoring leave with full pay to participate in a qualified mentoring program. The employee will receive his or her regular hourly wage for the time spent mentoring.

The bill defines mentoring program, nonprofit mentoring program, and qualified mentoring program.

LB 324 (Nelson) Provide for designation of voting entrances and change restrictions on electioneering

LB 324 requires the election commissioner or county clerk to designate one or more primary voting entrances for each polling place or other building where voters cast ballots.

The bill prohibits any person from electioneering within one hundred feet of any primary voting entrance for any polling place or building designated for voters to cast ballots. The current prohibition is two hundred feet of any such polling place or building.

LB 337 (Friend) Change restrictions on advertising and promotional materials relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust

Currently, advertising or promotional materials relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust may include references to the public office but not the officeholder by name.

LB 337 requires, beginning January 1, 2011, that such advertising or promotional materials will not refer to a state officeholder by name between January 1 of the year in which the Governor is elected and continuing through the day of the general election.

LB 349 (Lautenbaugh) Change provisions relating to the recall of elected officials

With LB 349, the reasons for which a recall may be sought are limited to malfeasance in office, misfeasance in office, nonfeasance in office, or conviction of a crime involving an act of dishonesty or a false statement. Malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance are defined in the bill. Currently, recall efforts do not need to be based on a specific reason.

The principal circulator or circulators of the recall will submit to the filing clerk a statement of sixty words or fewer alleging facts which, if true, establish the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance in office or conviction of a crime involving an act of dishonesty or a false statement.

Under current law, the individual sought to be recalled is notified that an affidavit has been filed by the principal circulator seeking his or her removal from office. The individual is then given the opportunity to file, within 20 days, a defense statement. With LB 349, the individual may decide, instead of filing a defense statement, to file suit in the district court to challenge the sufficiency of the allegations in the statement filed by the principal circulator or circulators. The court will presume the allegations are true and construe them in the light most favorable to the principal circulator or circulators. The court will determine, without hearing or cost, whether the allegations in the statement establish the existence of malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance in office or conviction of a crime involving an act of dishonesty or a false statement. The court will notify the clerk and all parties within five days after the decision.

If the allegations are found to be sufficient, the individual whose removal is sought may submit a defense statement within 20 days after receiving the notice of the decision. After receipt of the defense statement or the expiration of the 20

day period if no defense statement is submitted, the filing clerk will issue the petition papers to the principal circulator or circulators.

If the allegations are found not to be sufficient, the filling clerk will not issue petition papers.

Finally, the bill requires the filing clerk to notify the Secretary of State when initial petition papers are issued, when the recall petition is found to be sufficient and an election will be held, and the results of recall elections. The Secretary of State will compile all of these records.

LB 350 (Lautenbaugh) Change provisions relating to real estate tracts and the designation of industrial areas

LB 350 changes provisions relating to the designation of industrial tracts.

The bill changes the provisions regarding when a municipality may annex an industrial tract. With LB 350, the threshold of when a real estate tract will not be subject to inclusion within any city of the first or second class or village is raised from in excess of \$286,000 in assessed taxable valuation to in excess of \$5 million.

In addition to other factors, the real estate tract may be annexed by a municipality if it is located in a county with a population in excess of 10,000 persons. Under current law, the tract may be annexed if it is located in a county with a population in excess of 100,000.

The bill provides that five years after the creation of an industrial area, a municipality may file a notice with the owner of any designated industrial area tract that the municipality will terminate the designation 10 years after the date of the filing of such notice. The bill outlines how the municipality provides notice.

Finally, the bill provides additional procedures when a county board reviews any and all real estate tracts contained in any industrial area. Until September 4, 2019, any real estate tract used for industry prior to August 1979 will not be removed from the industrial area designation against the wishes of the owner as long as it is used in compliance with the definition of industry.

LB 362 (Avery) Change requirements for candidate filing forms

LB 362 requires the candidate filing forms to contain the candidate's name, residence address, mailing address if different from residence address, telephone number, office sought, and party affiliation if seeking a partisan office.

Portions/Provisions of LB 362 were amended into LB 501.

LB 363 (Avery) Prohibit certain expenditures by campaign committees

LB 363 prohibits any committee from expending funds for the purchase or payment of postage for an individual voter or prospective voter for the purpose of requesting or returning a ballot. The bill also prohibits any committee from expending funds to purchase transportation services for voters or prospective voters to or from a polling site.

LB 382 (Rogert) Provide for voter registration on election day at the election office

LB 382 allows electors to register to vote and vote on election day by completing a registration application. The elector may register and vote at the election commissioner or county clerk's office for his or her place of residence. If the election is conducted by mail, the elector will register to vote and vote at the election commissioner or county clerk's office.

If the elector is registering in Nebraska for the first time and has not previously voted in the state, the elector is required to present a current, valid, photo identification or a copy of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other current government document that shows the name and address of the elector as they appear on the application.

The county clerk or election commissioner will, upon determining that credible evidence exists that a person is eligible to register and vote on election day, make the appropriate entries in the voter registration register to create a voter registration record for such person.

LB 410 (Karpisek) Change provisions relating to recounts of elections

LB 410 allows any candidate who failed to be nominated or elected to request a manual recount at his or her expense. The recount will be conducted by the county canvassing board. The requesting candidate may provide the filing officer with a list of up to ten election precincts to be recounted first and may waive the balance of the recount after those precincts have been recounted.

The cost of the recount will be determined for both the county and the listed precincts by the county election official. If the recount involves more than one county, the county election official will certify the cost to the Secretary of State who will notify the candidate of the determined cost of each county and for the listed precincts.

Currently, recounts are conducted using the same procedure as those used for ballots on election day.

LB 465 (Christensen) Provide for videoconferencing and telephone conferences for educational service unit board meetings

LB 465 adds educational service units to the list of public entities which can hold its public meetings by videoconferencing and telephone conference.

Portions/Provisions of LB 465 were amended into LB 361.

LB 486 (Karpisek) Require certain governmental entities to identify themselves as such in their official name

LB 486 states that the public has a vested interest in knowing when the state is engaging in an activity in competition with a private enterprise for a special benefit or profit or is operating in a function not commonly perceived by the public to be a state function.

Therefore, the bill requires the state and local subdivisions to include in their official name the words political subdivision, government entity, or other similar words that identify it as a unit of government.

LB 509 (Pirsch) Redefine election period for the Campaign Finance Limitation Act

LB 509 defines election period as the period beginning January 1 of the calendar year following the year of the last general election in which the office was on the ballot through the end of the calendar year of the following year.

The current definition of election period for legislators is the period beginning January 1 of the calendar year prior to the year of the election in which the candidate is seeking office through the end of the calendar year of such election. For other constitutional officers, the period is similar, but it begins on July 1 of the calendar year prior to the election year.

The definition of election period is used in both the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

LB 527 (Fulton) Require installation of automatic vehicle location system devices in state-owned vehicles

Under LB 527, each state-owned motor vehicle, beginning January 1, 2011, will have installed in it an automatic vehicle location system device which records and accounts for items such as the points between which the vehicle traveled, the odometer readings, and the time of arrival and departure.

All records created in the use of these vehicles equipped with the automatic vehicle location system devices will be maintained on a public web site.

The bill defines automatic vehicle location system as any global positioning satellite receiver capable of being installed in a state-owned vehicle that allows for a communication link between the receiver and a computer-operated tracking system.

LB 529 (Pahls) Transfer ownership of certain computer equipment from the Secretary of State to county clerks

LB 529 provides that the Secretary of State will transfer to each county clerk the ownership of the computer terminal software including the printer which is compatible with the centralized computer system implemented for dissemination of financing statements for certain types of collateral and used for inquires and searches of information in the centralized computer system.

The transfer will include all costs, fees, and service charges associated with ownership of the computer terminal hardware and printer.

LB 574 (Rogert) Change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

LB 574 eliminates a reporting requirement for a corporation, labor organization, or industry, trade or professional association if it makes a contribution or expenditure, or provides personal services, with a value of more than \$250.

A reporting requirement is added under the bill for a corporation, labor organization, or industry, trade or professional association which establishes and administers a separate segregated political fund and makes expenditures or provides personal services for the establishment or administration of such fund. The report will include: the nature and value of the expenditure and the name of the candidate, committee or ballot question for which the expenditure was made; and a description of the personal services provided, the date of the services and the name of the candidate, committee or ballot question for which the personal services were provided.

LB 575 (Rogert) Change initiative and referendum petition provisions

Under LB 575, the Nebraska State Patrol will have exclusive jurisdiction to investigate a potential violation regarding a signer or circulator of an initiative or referendum petition. The investigation will be conducted in cooperation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General and the Department of Labor.

If the Attorney General determines there is probable cause to prosecute a violation regarding the circulation of an initiative and referendum petition, the Secretary of State will issue a cease and desist order suspending the circulation of the petition by the person alleged to have committed the violation.

The Secretary of State or local election official will not accept any signature on a petition gathered by a person who is subject to a cease and desist order. Any signature on a petition which is circulated or submitted for signature verification by a person convicted of violating the cease and desist order will be rejected and not counted.

The bill also requires court suits relating to initiative and referendum petitions to be advanced on the court docket and heard within 10 days after the suit is filed. The court will issue a decision within 15 days after the matter is submitted for decision. Either party may appeal directly to the Supreme Court.

LB 639 (Karpisek) Change provisions relating to telephone conferencing for public meetings

Under current law, no more than one-half of the meetings in a calendar year held by governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized under the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act may be held by telephone conference call.

LB 639 provides that a governing body of a risk management pool and the advisory committees of the governing body may hold **more** than half of their meetings by telephone conference if the governing body's quarterly meetings are held in person.

Portions/Provisions of LB 639 were amended into LB 361.

LB 645 (Mello) Change provisions relating to public contracts for services

LB 645 requires state agencies to complete a cost-benefit analysis before entering into a proposed contract for services in excess of \$50,000. The analysis would be a comparison of using state employees to perform the service versus the proposed contract for service.

This provision applies if the job functions are being performed or have been performed by a state employee within 12 months immediately preceding the proposed effective date of the contract, or the services are required for new programs that were not in existence within the previous 12 months. A copy of the cost-benefit analysis

will be filed with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst. The bill provides several exceptions to the requirement that a state agency complete this analysis.

The material division of the Department of Administrative Services will develop guidelines for state agencies to use in conducting a cost-benefit analysis, including: the reason for purchasing the service instead of using state employees; a review of the long term cost savings; a justification for entering into the contract if it does not result in cost savings; whether the public's interest in having the services performed by a state agency outweighs entering into the contract; and an assistance plan for any displaced state employees.

The Department of Administrative Services will adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out these requirements.

The bill also outright repeals statutes relating to contracts for personal services and the current pre-process requirements.

LB 662 (Janssen) Change provisions relating to nomination for certain offices

LB 662 clarifies how a candidate is nominated by political party convention or committee. Under the bill, candidates for elective office may be nominated at a political party convention when there is a vacancy on the ballot for a partisan office pursuant to section 32-627 or when an office is to be filled at a special election pursuant to section 32-721.

If a candidate for a partisan office declines nomination, the filing officer will notify the persons whose names are attached to the nomination if the candidate was nominated by a political party convention. If the candidate was nominated by the primary, the chair or secretary of the political party will be notified. If it is a county office and there is no organized county political party, the filing officer will notify the state political party committee. The declination will create a vacancy on the ballot.

The bill also allows a petition candidate to file his or her acceptance at the time petitions are submitted.

LB 678 (Haar) Change provisions relating to minutes of public meetings

LB 678 defines minutes in the Open Meetings Act to mean documentation of what occurred at the meeting which may include documentation in written form or an electronic recording, including audio or video recording of the meeting.

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LB 8 (Wightman) Change fees received by clerks and registers of deeds

LB 8 changes fees received by clerks and registers of deeds.

The current fee for recording a deed, mortgage, will, decree in a testate estate, or any other instrument with the register of deeds, is five dollars per page. Under LB 8, the fee will be increased to ten dollars for the first page and six dollars for each additional page. Section 33-112, which provides the clerk or register of deeds to receive a fee for entering instruments in the numerical record, is outright repealed.

Additionally, the fees for filing and indexing a notice of lien under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act and the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act are raised to two times the fee required for recording documents with the register of deeds. The fees in these two acts are split between the Secretary of State and the designated county in the filing.

LB 116 (Fischer) Authorize certain volunteer emergency responders to participate in the state health insurance program

LB 116 allows volunteer emergency responders, firefighters, and rescue squad personnel serving a volunteer department to participate in the state health insurance program. These volunteers will pay 100% of the employee portion and 100% of the employer portion of the premium.

Volunteer department is defined as including any volunteer fire department, rescue, ambulance or emergency squad or volunteer fire organization serving any city, village or rural or suburban fire protection district.

LB 227 (Rogert) Adopt the Interior Designers Certification Act

LB 227 creates the Interior Designers Certification Act.

Under the act, the Board of Interior Designers (board) is created. The duties of the board include: administering and enforcing the act; adopting a code of ethics; establishing requirements for the examination, education and training of applicants; adopting rules and regulations; establishing fees; approving expenditures of funds; establishing standards for continuing education; and maintaining a list of all certified interior designers.

Fees will be sufficient to defray the costs of administering the act and will not be less than \$100 or more than \$300 for certification, renewal, or reinstatement of certification.

In order for an applicant to receive certification which entitles him or her to use the title of “certified interior designer” the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. successfully passing the National Council for Interior Design Qualification examination or its equivalent;
2. completing four years of interior design education from a Council for Interior Design Accreditation accredited program or a substantially equivalent program;
3. completing a minimum of two years of full-time work experience;
4. signing a copy of the code of ethics adopted by the board; and
5. submitting the certification fee.

When the applicant has complied with the qualifications for certification to the satisfaction of a majority of the board, the board will record the applicant’s name and address in the roster of certified interior designers. The certificate will be valid until January 1 of the following year.

When applying for renewal of certification, the certified interior designer will submit proof of completing the continuing education requirements and the renewal fee.

The bill outlines the procedure for the board to grant certification by reciprocity, to licensed engineers and architects, and to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a certificate.

Beginning on the operative date of this act (January 1, 2010) through December 31, 2012, the board may issue an interior design certificate to a person who does not meet the requirements to receive a certificate under the following situations:

1. the person submits the fee and provides proof of fifteen years of work experience deemed satisfactory to the board; or
2. submits proof of successful completion of Section 1 of the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications examination, a degree or diploma from a program with a minimum of 60 credit hours in interior design and a combination of six years of education and work experience.

Fees received under this act will be remitted to the Interior Designers Certification Cash Fund. The fund will be used to defray the cost of the act and will be administered by the Board of Engineers and Architects.

LB 273 (Ashford) Change sheriff's fees and handgun certificate fees

LB 273 increases the fees charged by sheriffs for various services such as serving *capias*, search warrants, summons, subpoenas, and various notices. The bill adds a new fee for making a return for each traffic, misdemeanor, or felony arrest warrant or *capias*.

The fee charged for each handgun application is raised from \$5 to \$10 which is used to cover the cost of a criminal history record check.

Finally, the fee for a sheriff or assistant to convey convicted prisoners to any Department of Correctional Services adult correctional facility is raised. The prohibition of allowance for assistance when only one prisoner is conveyed is eliminated.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

The committee amendment strikes the original sections of the bill and adds the following provisions:

The fee for serving a summons, subpoena, order of attachment, order or replevin, order of the court, notice of motion, other notice, other writ or document or combination thereof, is increased from \$10 to \$12.

The fee for serving additional persons with summons, subpoena, order of attachment, order of replevin, order of the court, notice of motion, other notice, other writ or documents or combination thereof for each other person served at that time and location, is increased from \$2.50 to \$3.

The fee for levying a writ or court order and return thereof is increased from \$15 to \$18.

The fee for executing a writ of restitution or a writ of assistance and return is increased from \$15 to \$18.

The fee for making a return of each summons, subpoena, order of attachment, order of replevin, other order, notice of motion, other notice, other writ or document, whether served or not, is increased from \$5 to \$6.

Portions/Provisions of LB 273 were amended into LB 35.

LB 623 (Haar) Adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote

LB 623 creates the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The compact will become effective when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes have enacted this compact.

The chief election official of each member state will designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular vote total as the national popular vote winner. The presidential elector certifying official of each member state will certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner.

Each state which has adopted the compact will make a determination of the number of popular votes cast in the state and communicate that determination to each other member state.

The compact outlines the procedure in the event of a tie and gives the presidential national popular vote winner the power to nominate the presidential electors in some circumstances.

LIST OF INTERIM STUDIES (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY)

- LR 163 Interim study to examine the issues which fall under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
- LR 119 Interim study to examine the initiative and referendum process and how petitions are circulated
- LR 127 Interim study to examine the issue of election day registration
- LR 126 Interim study to examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
- LR 82 Interim study to examine issues relating to the Grand Island Veterans' Home
- LR 162 Interim study to examine the competitive bidding statutes for the purchase of machinery and equipment
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LB 7	Wightman	Provide a residency requirement for clerks of the district court.	1/23/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 3/5/09	
LB 8	Wightman	Change fees received by clerks and registers of deeds.	1/23/09	Indefinitely Postponed	Indefinitely Postponed	
LB 17	White, Mello, Nordquist, McCoy	Provide for a tuition waiver for combat-injured veterans.	1/22/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 24	Friend	Change provisions relating to work done on radiological instruments by the Military Department.	1/22/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 2/26/09	
LB 33	Fulton	Change county zoning provisions with respect to density of population.	1/23/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 52	Fischer	Change employment qualifications relating to county veterans service offices.	1/22/09	General File with Com AM109	Approved by Governor on 3/18/09	
LB 55	Fischer	Change qualifications for office for county attorneys and the Attorney General.	1/23/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 3/5/09	

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LB 66	Rogert	Change limits on contributions and gifts under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.	1/29/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 86	Wallman	Change the Capitol Landscape Restoration Master Plan.	2/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 115	Louden	Eliminate the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board.	1/21/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Provisions/Portions of LB 115 amended into LB 154 by AM25.
LB 116	Fischer	Authorize certain volunteer emergency responders to participate in the state health insurance program.	1/28/09	Indefinitely Postponed	Indefinitely Postponed	
LB 125	Avery, Nantkes	Provide for voter registration on election day.	2/18/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Interim Study Resolution (LR 127)
LB 126	Avery	Require financial disclosure statements from constitutional officers and candidates.	1/29/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 131	Dubas	Change the boundary descriptions of Merrick and Polk counties.	2/4/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 133	Heidemann	Change location requirements for county postprimary conventions.	2/4/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 139	Avery, Howard	Rename the Commission on Mexican-Americans	1/21/09	General File with Com AM823	General File with Com AM823	
LB 154	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee	Eliminate certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, working groups, and relating statutory provisions.	1/21/09	General File with Com AM25	Approved by Governor on 2/12/09	Provisions/Portions of LB 115 amended into LB 154 by AM25.

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LB 167	Avery, Pirsch	Provide for discount program participation and electronic funds transfers for state employees.	1/28/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 3/18/09.	
LB 168	Avery	Provide for reverse auctions by the state purchasing bureau.	1/28/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 4/8/09	
LB 191	Fulton	Provide for the waiver of a fine or penalty for an information collection requirement for small businesses.	2/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 207	Avery	Change provisions governing the Governor's residence and powers of the Department of Administrative Services and the Director of Administrative Services.	1/28/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 4/8/09	
LB 227	Rogert	Adopt the Interior Designers Certification Act.	2/5/09	Indefinitely Postponed	Indefinitely Postponed	
LB 273	Ashford	Change sheriff's fees and handgun certificate fees.	2/4/09	General File with Com AM550	Indefinitely Postponed (Motion made to suspend rules to indefinitely postpone)	Provisions/Portions of LB 273 amended into LB 35 by AM1054.
LB 279	Avery	Require notification to military installations regarding development of real property.	2/12/09	General File with Com AM909	General File with Com AM909	
LB 280	Avery	Create the Commission on Military Affairs.	2/12/09	General File	General File	
LB 295	Campbell	Provide and change recording requirements for filings with the register of deeds.	2/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 321	Avery	Provide for state employees to participate in mentoring programs.	2/20/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	

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LB 322	Avery, Pirsch	Prohibit nepotism and supervision of family members by executive branch officials and employees.	1/29/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/13/09	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee priority bill
LB 324	Nelson	Provide for designation of voting entrances and change restrictions on electioneering.	2/11/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 325	Nelson	Change provisions relating to elections.	2/11/09	General File with Com AM474	General File with Com AM474	
LB 337	Friend	Change restrictions on advertising and promotional materials relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust.	2/6/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 348	Janssen	Change access and fee provisions relating to real estate tax statements.	2/6/09	General File with Com AM191	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 349	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to recall of elected officials.	2/18/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 350	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to real estate tracts and the designation of industrial areas.	2/6/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 361	Avery	Authorize and change requirements for videoconferencing, telephone conferences, and electronic voting devices for public meetings.	2/19/09	General File with Com AM552	Approved by Governor on 4/22/09	Provisions/Portions of LB's 465 and 639 amended into LB 361 by AM552. Government Committee priority bill.
LB 362	Avery	Change requirements for candidate filing forms.	2/25/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Provisions/Portions of LB 362 amended into LB 501 by AM551.

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LB 363	Avery	Prohibit certain expenditures by campaign committees.	3/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 382	Rogert	Provide for voter registration on election day at the election office.	2/18/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Interim Study Resolution (LR 127)
LB 402	Avery	Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act.	2/26/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/22/09	Speaker priority bill
LB 410	Karpisek, Wallman	Change provisions relating to recounts of elections.	2/25/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 422	Cornett	Define veteran of the Global War on Terror.	2/26/09	General File with Com AM327	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 434	Janssen, Wallman	Change ballot questions regarding township organization.	2/11/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 450	Campbell	Change Nebraska State Capitol Environs District height restriction provisions.	2/12/09	General File	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 465	Christensen	Provide for videoconferencing and telephone conferences for educational service unit board meetings.	2/19/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Provisions/Portions of LB's 465 and 639 amended into LB 361 by AM552.
LB 475	Stuthman	Eliminate the position of county comptroller.	3/12/09	General File with Com AM830	General File with Com AM830	
LB 486	Karpisek	Require certain governmental entities to identify themselves as such in their official name.	3/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 488	Gloor	Change provisions relating to veterans' homes.	2/26/09	General File with Com AM 504	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 501	Sullivan	Change provisions relating to submission of ballot issues and elections by mail.	2/25/09	General File with Com AM551	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	Provisions/Portions of LB 362 amended into LB 501 by AM551.

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LB 503	Langemeier, Nantkes	Adopt the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act.	2/20/09	General File with Com AM1080	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	Speaker priority bill
LB 509	Pirsch	Redefine election period for the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.	3/5/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 512	Lautenbaugh	Change airport zoning provisions relating to the regulation of airport hazards.	2/12/09	General File	General File	
LB 527	Fulton	Require installation of automatic vehicle location system devices in state-owned vehicles.	3/12/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 529	Pahls	Transfer ownership of certain computer equipment from the Secretary of State to county clerks.	2/20/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 532	Price, Mello, Campbell, Gay	Provide for the adoption of ordinances by counties.	2/20/09	General File with Com AM678	Approved by Governor on 5/22/09	Sen. Price priority bill
LB 533	Price	Change expense reimbursement provisions for state employees, state officers, and others.	3/12/09	General File with Com AM873	Approved by Governor on 5/26/09	
LB 544	Giese	Require the Secretary of State to publish guidelines for election workers.	2/11/09	General File	General File	
LB 550	Avery	Change provisions relating to Military Department personnel and provide peace officer powers to National Guard members.	2/26/09	General File	General File	
LB 574	Rogert	Change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.	3/4/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	

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LB 575	Rogert	Change initiative and referendum petition provisions.	3/11/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Interim Study Resolution (LR 119)
LB 623	Haar	Adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.	3/11/09	Indefinitely Postponed	Indefinitely Postponed	
LB 626	Karpisek	Change prohibited activities for public officials and public employees use of public resources.	3/4/09	General File with Com AM972	Passed Notwithstanding Objections of Governor on 5/28/09	Speaker priority bill
LB 635	Mello	Change reporting requirements for political party committees under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.	3/4/09	General File with ComAM1140	General File with ComAM1140	
LB 638	Lautenbaugh	Repeal the Campaign Finance Limitation Act and change reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.	3/4/09	General File	General File	
LB 639	Karpisek	Change provisions relating to telephone conferencing for public meetings.	2/19/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	Provisions/Portions of LB's 465 and 639 amended into LB 361 by AM552.
LB 645	Mello	Change provisions relating to public contracts for services.	3/11/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 662	Janssen	Change provisions relating to nomination for certain offices.	2/25/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	
LB 674	Nantkes	Authorize establishment of an internal auditing system by the University of Nebraska.	3/11/09	General File with Com AM671	General File with Com AM671	
LB 678	Haar	Change provisions relating to minutes of public meetings.	2/19/09	Held in Committee	Held in Committee	

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Governor Appointment	Kevin Brostrom (Replaced Marilee Fredrickson)	Gubernatorial Appointment to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	5/26/09	Reported to Legislature for confirmation.	Legislature Approved (5/28/09)	
Governor Appointment	Richard Christensen (Reappointment)	Gubernatorial Appointment to the State Emergency Response Commission.	4/7/09	Reported to Legislature for confirmation.	Legislature Approved (4/9/09)	
Governor Appointment	Steven Danon (Reappointment)	Gubernatorial Appointment to the State Emergency Response Commission.	4/7/09	Reported to Legislature for confirmation.	Legislature Approved (4/9/09)	
Governor Appointment	Donald Eisenhower (Reappointment)	Gubernatorial Appointment to the State Emergency Response Commission.	4/7/09	Reported to Legislature for confirmation.	Legislature Approved (4/9/09)	
Governor Appointment	Larry Johnson (Reappointment)	Gubernatorial Appointment to the State Emergency Response Commission.	4/7/09	Reported to Legislature for confirmation.	Legislature Approved (4/9/09)	