ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB576

Hearing Date: Thursday February 28, 2013

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Harr

One Liner: Require flagging of area near polling places and change restrictions on electioneering

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Price, Scheer, Wallman

Nay: 2 Senators Avery, Murante

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Burke Harr Introducer
Bob Twiss Self

Opponents: Representing:

Dale Baker Nebraska Association of County Clerks, Register of

Deeds, and Election Commisioners

Neutral: Representing:

Beth Bazyn Ferrell Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 576 requires the election commissioner or county clerk to place flags to indicate the area within 200 feet, up to, but not across a public thoroughfare or across private property other than the property the building is located, of the main voting entrance to the building in which a polling place is located on the day of any election.

The owner of a building in which a polling place is located will allow electioneering materials to be displayed on the same property as the building outside of the flagged area.

The bill also prohibits a person from displaying electioneering materials or do to any electioneering within 200 feet, up to, but not across a public thoroughfare or across private property other than the property the building is located of the main voting entrance of the building in which a polling place is located between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm on election day.

No person will remove any lawfully displayed electioneering materials without authorization.

The owner of a building in which a polling place is located will not refuse to allow electioneering materials to be lawfully displayed on the same property as the building.

Bill Avery, Chairperson