ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB980

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 19, 2014

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Johnson

One Liner: Change provisions relating to termination of a township board

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 6 Senators Avery, Garrett, Karpisek, Murante, Scheer, Wallman

Nay: 1 Senator Bloomfield

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Lautenbaugh

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Jerry Johnson Introducer

Patti Lindgren Saunders County

Beth Bazyn Ferrell Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 980 provides that if two or more vacancies exist on a township board and the county board has made reasonable attempts but has been unable to fill the vacancies within 45 days after the vacancies occur, the county board will hold a public hearing on the termination of the township board.

Current law allows for termination of a township board when two or more township board positions are vacant and the county board has been unable to fill those positions for six or more months.

The bill also allows the county board to adopt a resolution to terminate the township board if no appointment is made within 45 days after the public hearing because no resident has provided notice that he or she will serve on the township board. Currently, the time frame is 30 days after the public hearing.

The county board will levy a tax on the property located in the township to pay for future obligations of the township until such time as the township board may become reactivated.

Bill Avery, Chairperson