# ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015 COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB253

Hearing Date:	Friday February 06, 2015
Committee On:	Judiciary
Introducer:	Morfeld
One Liner:	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

#### Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting	a:	

Verbal Testimony:	
Proponents:	Representing:
SEN. ADAM MORFELD	INTRODUCER
GREG LEMON	NEBRASKA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION
SUSAN NAPOLITANO	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
LISA RITTER	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
CONNIE HANSEN GOLTER	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
ROBERT POPPE	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
JAYNE DEBUS	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
JESSICA SAWYER	NEBRASKA REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION
Opponents:	Representing:
WILLIAM LINDSAY	NE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Neutral:	Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 40-104 currently provides that the homestead of a married person cannot be conveyed or encumbered unless the instrument is executed and acknowledged by both husband and wife.

LB 253 would amend 40-104 to provide that a purchase agreement or contract for sale of homestead property signed by both spouses does not require acknowledgement to be enforceable.

### **Explanation of amendments:**

AM278 would harmonize terms in 40-104 and consistently refer to "both spouses" rather than the references to "both spouses" and "both husband and wife" currently contained in 40-104.

Les Seiler, Chairperson