ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB602

| Hearing Date: | Wednesday February 04, 2015 |
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| Committee On: | Judiciary |
| Introducer: | Nebraska Retirement Systems |
| One Liner: | Change collection provisions relating to judges retirement fees |

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

| Aye: | 5 | Senators Coash, Ebke, Morfeld, Williams, Seiler |
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| Nay: | 3 | Senators Chambers, Krist, Pansing Brooks |
| Absent: | | |
| Present Not Votina: | | |

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| Proponents: | Representing: |
| SEN. JEREMY NORDQUIST | INTRODUCER |
| BILL MUELLER | NE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES |
| PHYLLIS CHAMBERS | NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT |
| | SYSTEMS |
| Opponents: | Representing: |
| Neutral: | Representing: |

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Under 24-703(3), a Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars is taxed as a cost in nearly every action filed in County Court, District Court, Juvenile Court, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

LB602 would increase this amount to eight dollars. This bill would also require the fee to be taxed as a cost in any pretrial diversion in a criminal action or traffic misdemeanor or infraction.

Explanation of amendments:

AM308 would maintain the current fee at six dollars but allow the fee to be taxed as a cost in a pretrial diversion program. AM308 would also require any county attorney or city attorney that has established a pretrial diversion program to inform the director of the judge's retirement system.

Les Seiler, Chairperson