

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR20CA**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 29, 2021  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Pansing Brooks  
**One Liner:** Constitutional amendment to remove provisions regarding marriage from the Constitution of Nebraska

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators DeBoer, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Brandt, Geist
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Slama
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks  
Sara Rips

**Representing:**

Introducer  
ACLU of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

Marion Miner

**Representing:**

Nebraska Catholic Conference

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Abbi Swatsworth  
Kristen Windle  
Meg Mikolajczyk  
Kayla Meyer

**Representing:**

OutNebraska  
Planned Parenthood Advocates of Nebraska  
Planned Parenthood North Central States  
Lincoln Young Professionals Group

**Opponents:**

Karen Bowling

**Representing:**

Nebraska Family Alliance

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 20CA proposes to place an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution on the November 2022 ballot. The proposal would repeal Article I, Section 29 that provides that only marriages between a man and a woman are recognized as valid and civil unions or domestic partnerships are not recognized in the state.

Section by section

Section 1 Provides that question of the repeal of Article 1, Section 29 of the Nebraska Constitution shall be placed on the November 2022 general election ballot.

Section 2 Provides ballot question.

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Steve Lathrop, Chairperson