

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB195

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Halloran
One Liner: Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
Nay:	2	Senators Hunt, Raybould
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Steve Halloran

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Sheri St Clair
Wes Dodge

Representing:

League of Women Voters Nebraska
Represent US Omaha

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Summary:

This bill defines a number of terms relating to state participation in a convention of states pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. It would mandate that delegates from Nebraska to a convention of states be appointed by the Nebraska Legislature and abide by its direction in carrying out the duties of delegate. This would include casting votes that comply with the scope and subject matter limitations set out in the Legislature's resolution calling for the convention of states. The bill provides for nomination by the Legislature's Committee on committees of members a delegate and an alternate from each legislative caucus. Serving as a delegate or alternate would be part of the duties of a Nebraska legislator.

The bill also would authorize expense reimbursement for delegates, would forbid their acceptance of gifts from lobbyists, and provides an oath of office for delegates. The bill provides a procedure for the disqualification of unfaithful delegates and their replacement by alternate delegates. The bill would name the Executive Board of the Legislature and the Lieutenant Governor to serve as an advisory committee to the delegates, and it provides some details on when and where the advisory committee would meet to provide advice to delegates to ensure that their actions at convention are authorized by the

resolution passed by the Legislature

Explanation of amendments:

AM 92 to LB 195 removes the phrase "by the United States Congress or."

Tom Brewer, Chairperson