

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 281CA**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Introduced by Erdman, 47; Albrecht, 17; Bosn, 25; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lowe, 37; Moser, 22; Wayne, 13.

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Committee: Executive Board

1 THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA,  
2 SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2024 the following  
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to  
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

6 To amend Article III, sections 6 and 10:

7 III-6 The Legislature shall consist of not more than fifty members  
8 and not less than thirty members. The regular sessions of the Legislature  
9 shall be biennial ~~annual~~ except as otherwise provided by this  
10 constitution or as may be otherwise provided by law.

11 III-10 (1) Beginning with the year 2027 ~~1975~~, regular sessions of  
12 the Legislature shall be held biennially in odd-numbered years ~~annually~~,  
13 commencing at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in  
14 January of each year. The duration of regular sessions held shall not  
15 exceed ninety legislative days ~~in odd-numbered years~~ unless extended by a  
16 vote of four-fifths of all members ~~of elected to the Legislature. Until~~  
17 2027, regular sessions of the Legislature shall be held annually,  
18 commencing at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in  
19 January of each year. The duration of regular sessions held shall not  
20 exceed ninety legislative days in odd-numbered years unless extended by a  
21 vote of four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature, and shall  
22 not exceed sixty legislative days in even-numbered years unless extended

1 by a vote of four-fifths of all members elected to the Legislature. Bills  
2 and resolutions under consideration by the Legislature upon adjournment  
3 of a regular session held in an odd-numbered year may be considered at  
4 the next regular session, as if there had been no such adjournment.

5 (2) The Lieutenant Governor shall preside, but shall vote only when  
6 the Legislature is equally divided. A majority of the members of ~~elected~~  
7 ~~to~~ the Legislature shall constitute a quorum. ~~The~~ ~~;~~ ~~the~~ Legislature shall  
8 determine the rules of its proceedings, ~~and~~ be the judge of the election,  
9 returns, and qualifications of its members, and ~~shall~~ choose its own  
10 officers, including a Speaker to preside when the Lieutenant Governor is  
11 ~~shall be~~ absent, incapacitated, or acting ~~shall act~~ as Governor. No  
12 member shall be expelled except by a vote of two-thirds of all members of  
13 ~~elected to~~ the Legislature, and no member shall be twice expelled for the  
14 same offense. The Legislature may punish by imprisonment any person who  
15 is not a member of the Legislature thereof who is ~~shall be~~ guilty of  
16 disrespect to the Legislature by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in  
17 its presence, but no such imprisonment shall extend beyond twenty-four  
18 hours at one time, ~~unless the person persists shall persist~~ in such  
19 disorderly or contemptuous behavior.

20 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
21 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,  
22 section 1, with the following ballot language:

23 A constitutional amendment to provide for regular sessions of the  
24 Legislature to occur only biennially in odd-numbered years beginning in  
25 2027.

26 For

27 Against.