

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB390

Hearing Date: Thursday February 02, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Clements
One Liner: Change provisions relating to ballots for early voting under the Election Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
Nay:	3	Senators Conrad, Hunt, Raybould
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Rob Clements
Robert Evnen
Wayne Bena

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Secretary of State
Nebraska Secretary of State

Opponents:

Arlo Hettle
Heidi Uhing
Sara Freeouf
Rose Godinez

Representing:

Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Civic Nebraska
Self
ACLU of Nebraska

Neutral:

Amber Parker
Connie Reinke

Representing:

Self
Self

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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This bill would modify the laws relating to early voting.

Section 1 of the bill would provide that early voting ballots to be distributed by mail only be sent by nonforwardable first-class mail.

Section 2 would provide authorization for a voter to appoint an agent to return a voted ballot to election officials on behalf of

the voter. It also prohibits a voter's employer or agent of the employer from serving as agent for the return of the voter's ballot. It would also provide that a person acting as agent for a voter could do so for no more than two voter-principals.

Section 3 repeals the original sections of statutes being revised.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 233 to LB 390

The committee amendment proposed to LB 390 would make two changes. First, it modifies Section 2 of the original bill to require the Secretary of State to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the return of a ballot by an agent. Second, it would add a signature line to the outside of the ballot identification envelope for "agent signature" and would require an ballot return agent to sign the envelope when returning a ballot for another person.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson