

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB541**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 15, 2023  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Lowe  
**One Liner:** Provide for nomination and election of public power district and public power and irrigation district directors on the partisan ballot

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Conrad, Raybould
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Hunt
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Lowe  
Derek Rusher  
Steve Davies  
Connie Reinke

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

James Dukesherer  
Al Davis  
Sheri St Clair  
Mia Perales  
Shirley Niemeyer  
Jennifer Glazer  
Kay Carne  
Chloe Johnson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA)  
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
League of Women Voters - Nebraska  
Omaha Students for Sustainability  
Self  
Nebraska Citizens' Climate Lobby  
Self  
Omaha Students for Sustainability

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

Summary:

This bill would change the election of public power districts and public power and irrigation districts from nonpartisan to partisan.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM1062 to LB 541

The committee amendment would limit the scope of the bill's changes to those districts receiving annual revenue in excess of \$500 million.

The committee voted to adopt AM 1062 on a 6-1-1 vote

Voting Aye: Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

Voting Nay: Senators Conrad

Absent: Senator Hunt

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson