

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369

Introduced by Day, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislative resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the barriers to voting and equal representation for Native Americans in Nebraska. In 2021, the federal Interagency Steering Group on Native American Voting Rights was created by Executive Order 14019. The goal of this executive order was to research the barriers Native Americans face in achieving full access to participate in United States elections, and to recommend ways to mitigate or eliminate these barriers. While this has yielded broad federal recommendations, further research into the challenges unique to Nebraska is warranted.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) A review and analysis of data on voter registration and voting on tribal lands in Nebraska;

(2) Identification of barriers to voting for Native Americans in Nebraska;

(3) Collaboration with stakeholders, including nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, and city, county, and tribal government officials to evaluate and develop strategies and solutions to increase election accessibility;

(4) An evaluation of the effectiveness of policies, procedures, and programs implemented by other states directed toward Native American populations as they relate to election accessibility on tribal lands;

(5) An evaluation of the adequacy of policy coordination between counties and tribes; and

(6) Any recommendations for changes to policies, procedures, and programs to address the barriers to voting for Native Americans in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.