

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB513**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill makes two substantial changes to the Open Meetings Act.

The first is a change to the method of public notice to allow for notices to be published by cities of the second class and villages (a) on an internet site operated by the Nebraska Press Association in addition to a newspaper of general circulation, or (b) posting in conspicuous places, and for such alternative notices to satisfy the Open Meetings Act notice requirement even if the traditional newspaper notice is not published in a timely fashion.

The second is to expand the list of public entities who may use videoconferencing for more than half of their meetings each calendar year.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Tom Brewer**