

## NTF LEGISLATURE WATCH MEETING: APRIL 22, 2023.

**LR 1CA: Blood.** Constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse local political subdivisions for state-mandated services imposed on them. GOOD RESOLUTION/ GENERAL FILE PRIORITY BILL

**LB 28: Erdman.** If the Tax Equalization and Review Comm. has not reached a decision on a property tax appeal by the date when the first half of the following year's property taxes fall delinquent, the assessed value for the property for the year of appeal will remain at the same value until decision finalized. The interest rate on property tax refunds would increase from 9% to 14%. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

**LB 67: Slama.** To ensure that money deposited by the State Treasurer's office not used by financial institutions for social or political causes or objectives. There is a growing national trend to use state funds for political purposes, several state treasurers openly stating that they will bank only with institutions committed to liberal political objectives. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

**LB 71: Sanders.** To require all public school districts to make learning materials accessible to parents and permit parents to excuse their children from particular activities or lessons. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE. PRIORITY BILL

**LB 165: Von Gillern.** To include private and parochial elementary and secondary schools in the NE Educational Savings Plan. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM. PRIORITY BILL

**LB 192: Halloran.** To exempt Social Security payments from homestead exemption income requirements. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 297: Sanders.** To prevent state and local government agencies from compelling nonprofit groups to release personal information about its members, supporters, volunteers, or donors. Leftist goons seek this private information to target conservatives with harassment, bullying, violence. Prospective contributors may be afraid to contribute. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE PRIORITY BILL

**LB 299: Linehan.** To require joint political entities related to education to hold a bond election in a primary or general election. Once defeated, these entities cannot hold a similar election for at least 6 months. Individual school districts must obtain voter approval for their bond issues but avoid a vote by teaming with other districts. GOOD BILL/ SELECT FILE

**LB 317: Von Gillern.** That the county assessor and not the state will decide how to inspect real property. GOOD BILL/ GENERAL FILE

**LB 322: Linehan.** To prevent joint public subdivisions from levying taxes to avoid tax levy restrictions. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.

**LB 332: Linehan.** To prohibit joint taxing authorities from having any power or authority relating to education. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 374: Murman.** That every NE parent must have the primary right to direct the education and mental health of their child, including several enumerated rights. One clause prohibits the teaching of Critical Race Theory, that one race is inherently superior or inferior and that Whites bear collective guilt. Several public school districts currently teach CRT. To require public schools to disclose instructional materials and activities to parents and allow parents to request their child be excused from specific lessons or activities. Schools could not require students to complete intrusive questionnaires without parental consent. Parents could file a complaint with the state dept. of education, if their school refuses to remove inappropriate library content or sue the school district for violating these regulations. Teachers who refuse to teach CRT or matters that contradict their religious beliefs could not face disciplinary action and could sue for such refusal. The teacher's union, OP\$, and leftist NE Appleseed oppose the bill. GOOD BILL/ EDUCATION COMM.

**LB 457: Holdcroft.** To require every voting ballot to have serial numbers and 3 of the following features: watermarks, holographs, taggants, or other anti-counterfeiting measures used to protect U.S. currency. To require video surveillance of voting from the time that ballots handed to voters to when they are sealed in boxes for transport to election office, and paper ballots. Protective requirements for vote scanning devices and vote counting equipment. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM.

**LB 535: Slama.** To require valid photo ID to vote. Provision of free ID cards and birth certificates for those lacking suitable state or federal ID to vote. Name on ID must match name on voter registration. Individuals voting in person or early at election offices must show ID. State ID cards issued only used for voting. Those who mail in ballots must show their ID to a notary, who would sign the ballot return envelope. This bill would ensure the integrity of our elections. County election commissioners and county clerks support the bill. The ACLU and leftist Common Cause-NE and Civic NE oppose the bill. **LB 535** implements a ballot issue passed by voters in Nov. 2022. GOOD BILL/ GOVERNMENT COMM. PRIORITY BILL

**LB 695: Linehan.** To exempt the first \$25,000 of property valuation from real estate taxes for owned properties. GOOD BILL/ REVENUE COMM.