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## Leadership positions shuffle as Legislature convenes

**T**wenty-six members were sworn into office Jan. 4 as the 108th Nebraska Legislature convened for its 90-day first session. That number comprises 12 re-elected senators — including two nonincumbent members who are returning after previously serving in the Legislature — 13 newly elected senators and one newly appointed member.

Lawmakers also elected a new speaker and chairpersons of the Legislature's 14 standing committees.

Senators chose La Vista Sen. John Arch to serve a two-year term as speaker of the Legislature. Arch, who was unopposed, replaces former speaker Sen. Mike Hilgers of Lincoln, who left the Legislature after being elected attorney general in November. Among other duties, the speaker prepares the Legislature's daily agenda and serves as its presiding officer in the absence of the lieutenant governor.

Arch, former chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, said his experience in that capacity and as a hospital administrator demonstrates his ability to manage complex relationships and processes. He said senators need to emphasize their shared desire for positive outcomes for Nebraskans — including quality education, equal justice under the law and good stewardship of the state's tax dollars — rather than focus



New and returning senators take the oath of office on opening day of the 2023 legislative session.

on their differences.

"We have a starting point for healthy relationships if we don't forget our agreement on the ultimate goals," Arch said.

Several other senators also moved to new leadership positions as lawmakers elected new chairpersons to nearly all of the Legislature's standing committees.

Glenvil Sen. Dave Murman unseated incumbent Sen. Lynne Walz of Fremont to serve as Education Committee chairperson.

Murman, elected on a 32-17 vote, said Nebraska educators need to "hammer down on the basics" and that he would be the best choice to work with newly elected governor to reform how schools are funded.

"Our state funding for education formula, TEEOSA, must be amended to support more students and more school districts than it is currently,"

Murman said, adding that only approximately 35.5 percent of all Nebraska schools currently receive state aid and equalization funding.

Sen. Suzanne Geist of Lincoln prevailed in a three-way contest to chair the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Geist garnered 29 votes to beat out Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt and Columbus Sen. Mike Moser for the position.

Having served for six years on the committee, four as vice chairperson, Geist pointed to her experience working closely with the state Department of Transportation and other stakeholders on broadband issues, aeronautics and innovative funding options that sped up completion of Lincoln's South Beltway project.

"The committee handles a broad span of issues and I commit to be focused on each one of those [from]

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## Gov. Pillen takes oath of office

**W**ith members of the Legislature, family and friends observing, Jim Pillen was sworn in Jan. 5 as the 41st governor of Nebraska.

Pillen was joined by his wife, Suzanne, their four children, Sarah, Brock, Polly and Izic, and seven grandchildren. Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican administered the oath of office.

During his remarks, Pillen outlined several priorities for lawmakers and the executive branch to tackle together in the upcoming legislative session. Among those priorities are providing adequate funding and resources to educational institutions, retaining talent in Nebraska, maintaining personal freedoms and transforming the state's tax system.

"Our broken tax code is burdensome and uncompetitive," he said. "It weighs on all Nebraskans."

To accomplish these goals, Pillen said lawmakers must come together to focus not on what is best for each individual, but what is best for the entire state.

"We can do big things by working together," Pillen said. "Together we can and must rise to meet any challenge, overcome any obstacle and do the hard work of keeping Nebraska great for the generations to come."

The inaugural ceremonies also included the swearing in of a number of returning and newly elected officials, including:

- Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly;
- Attorney General Mike Hilgers;
- State Auditor Mike Foley;



Gov. Jim Pillen takes the oath of office as First Lady Suzanne Pillen looks on.

- State Treasurer John Murante;
- Secretary of State Bob Evnen;
- Board of Regents members Paul Kenney and Kathy Wilmot;
- Public Service Commission members Eric Kamler and Kevin Stocker;
- State Board of Education members Sherry Jones, Deborah Neary, Kirk Penner and Elizabeth Tegtmeyer; and
- Nebraska Supreme Court Judges William Cassel, John Freudenberg and Jonathan Papik.

Pillen is scheduled to deliver his State of the State address Jan. 25 in the legislative chamber. Chief Justice Heavican will give his State of the Judiciary address Feb. 21. ■

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day one,” she said. “I will also continue to encourage debate and out-of-the-box thinking.”

Elected chairperson in uncontested races were: Elmwood Sen. Robert Clements to the Appropriations Committee; Dunbar Sen. Julie Slama to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Ralston Sen. Merv Riepe to the Business and Labor Committee; Albion Sen. Tom Briese to the Executive Board; Kearney Sen. John Lowe to the General Affairs Committee; Blair Sen. Ben Hansen to the Health and Human Services Committee; Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne to the Judiciary Committee; Omaha Sen. Mike McDonnell to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee; and Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney to the Urban Affairs



Sen. John Arch of La Vista said he would promote communication and positive relationships as the new speaker of the Legislature.

Committee.

The chairpersons of four committees remain the same as last year, with the following lawmakers re-elected in uncontested races: Sen. Steve Haloran of Hastings to the Agriculture

Committee; Sen. Tom Brewer of Gordon to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard to the Natural Resources Committee; and Sen. Lou Ann Linehan of Elkhorn to the Revenue Committee.

Senators may introduce bills for the first 10 legislative days, or through Jan. 18. Committee hearings are scheduled to begin Jan. 23.

The session is scheduled to last 90 legislative days, during which lawmakers will craft a two-year state budget and are expected to grapple with prison and tax reform, the state’s school funding formula and possible further restrictions on abortion.

The 2023 session is tentatively scheduled to end June 9. ■

## O’Donnell retires; new clerk installed

Clerk of the Legislature Patrick J. O’Donnell retired at the end of 2022 after serving in the position for 44 years. Prior to his retirement, O’Donnell was the longest-serving active clerk of a state legislature in the country.

O’Donnell was succeeded by Brandon Metzler, who was sworn into office Jan. 4 following his election by state senators. Previously an assistant clerk, Metzler has worked in the clerk’s office since 2017. The clerk must be elected to the position by the full membership of the Legislature every two years.

The clerk’s office is responsible for ensuring that all constitutional, statutory and policy requirements are followed when the Legislature conducts its business. The office also maintains official records of all legislative business, maintains the Legislature’s website and produces informational publications about the institution. ■



Patrick O’Donnell (left) and Brandon Metzler confer during the 2022 session.



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# NEW BILLS

January 5, 2023

| Bill | Introducer | One-line description   |
|------|------------|--|
| LB1  | Exec Board | Eliminate obsolete provisions relating to funds that have terminated   |
| LB2  | Sanders    | Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs  |
| LB3  | Sanders    | Change provisions for tax levies for bonds issued by political subdivisions  |
| LB4  | Sanders    | Change homestead exemption provisions relating to qualifications, application requirements, and penalties  |
| LB5  | Blood      | Provide for compensability under Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for mental injuries resulting from workplace violence  |
| LB6  | Blood      | Prohibit conditional use permits and zoning exceptions for delinquent property taxpayers   |
| LB7  | Blood      | Provide a statute of limitations for exposure to hazardous or toxic chemicals  |
| LB8  | Blood      | Change provisions of the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act and provide for certificates of title and liens for abandoned mobile homes  |
| LB9  | Blood      | Change independent expenditure reporting requirements and require electioneering reporting   |
| LB10 | Blood      | Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans   |
| LB11 | Blood      | Change provisions relating to domestic abuse protection orders   |
| LB12 | Blood      | Create the Nebraska Human Breast Milk Bank   |
| LB13 | Blood      | Require coverage of human breast milk under Medical Assistance Act   |
| LB14 | Dungan     | Change provisions under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act   |
| LB15 | Briese     | Change provisions of the Wage and Hour Act   |
| LB16 | Briese     | Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction and make a determination regarding an applicant with a criminal conviction, provide for jurisprudential examinations and appeals from denial of a license, and change requirements for membership of the State Electrical Board |
| LB17 | Dungan     | Authorize possession of a firearm on school grounds by a full-time, off-duty law enforcement officer   |
| LB18 | Wayne      | Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence   |
| LB19 | Wayne      | Change dollar amount thresholds for criminal penalty classifications   |
| LB20 | Wayne      | Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony  |
| LB21 | Wayne      | Change provisions relating to the city council of a city of the metropolitan class   |
| LB22 | Wayne      | Decriminalize use and possession of marijuana  |
| LB23 | Wayne      | Change provisions relating to interventions in paternity proceedings   |
| LB24 | Wayne      | Change tax provisions relating to cigars, cheroots, and stogies  |
| LB25 | Wayne      | Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution  |
| LB26 | Wayne      | Adopt the Rural Municipal Broadband Access Act   |
| LB27 | Dungan     | Change provisions relating to appointment of counsel for defendants  |
| LB28 | Erdman     | Change provisions relating to decisions on appeals under the Tax Equalization and Review Commission Act  |
| LB29 | Erdman     | Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage   |
| LB30 | Dungan     | Provide for answers of no contest in adjudication hearings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code  |
| LB31 | Jacobson   | Require train crews of at least two individuals as prescribed  |
| LB32 | Jacobson   | Change requirements for issuers of medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates relating to coverage of individuals under sixty-five years of age who are eligible for medicare by reason of disability or end-stage renal disease   |
| LB33 | Jacobson   | Change provisions relating to the powers of mayors in certain cities and eliminate obsolete 2020 redistricting provisions  |
| LB34 | Dungan     | Provide for a presumption of disposition under the Nebraska Juvenile Code for crimes committed by defendants under eighteen years of age and change the definition of juvenile under the code  |
| LB35 | DeBoer     | Change provisions relating to child care assistance  |
| LB36 | DeBoer     | Change individual income tax brackets and rates  |
| LB37 | Dungan     | Change motor vehicle identification inspection requirements  |
| LB38 | Blood      | Provide an income tax adjustment relating to federal retirement annuities  |
| LB39 | Blood      | Require disability impact statements for certain legislation   |
| LB40 | Blood      | Adopt the Riparian and Water Quality Practices Act   |
| LB41 | Hansen     | Prohibit state agencies from imposing annual filing and reporting requirements on charitable organizations   |



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|------|---------------|--|
| LB42 | Hansen        | Change provisions relating to child abuse and neglect under the Child Protection and Family Safety Act and the Nebraska Juvenile Code  |
| LB43 | Sanders       | Require hearing officers and judges to interpret statutes and regulations to limit agency power and maximize individual liberty  |
| LB44 | Dungan        | Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact  |
| LB45 | Dorn          | Create the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Fund  |
| LB46 | Dorn          | Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a provider rate study   |
| LB47 | Dorn          | Change notice requirements under the Open Meetings Act for certain fire districts  |
| LB48 | Dorn          | Appropriate money to the State Department of Education for educational service units   |
| LB49 | Dungan        | Change provisions relating to solar energy and wind energy, declare certain instruments void and unenforceable, and provide for a civil cause of action                                    |
| LB50 | Geist         | Change criminal justice provisions including set asides, restitution, and parole; create criminal justice pilot programs; terminate an oversight committee; and create a task force        |
| LB51 | Briese        | Change provisions relating to the use of the state's telecommunications system   |
| LB52 | Lippincott    | Change the amount of tuition credits available to National Guard members   |
| LB53 | McKinney      | Create El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day and establish a holiday   |
| LB54 | McKinney      | Require the office of Legislative Research to prepare racial impact statements for legislative bills   |
| LB55 | McKinney      | Change provisions relating to self-sufficiency contracts and work activity requirements under the Welfare Reform Act   |
| LB56 | McKinney      | Adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act  |
| LB57 | Cavanaugh, M. | Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act  |
| LB58 | Cavanaugh, J. | Provide a sales and use tax exemption for diapers  |
| LB59 | Cavanaugh, J. | Change provisions relating to limitations for a postconviction relief action   |
| LB60 | Cavanaugh, J. | Change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports   |
| LB61 | Brandt        | Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission  |
| LB62 | Cavanaugh, M. | Provide for coverage of translation and interpretation services under the medical assistance program   |
| LB63 | Bostar        | Require withholding of distributions to telecommunications companies from the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund   |
| LB64 | Day           | Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice in certain cases of child abuse and neglect  |
| LB65 | Day           | Change provisions relating to the complaint tracking system and disciplinary action under the Child Care Licensing Act   |
| LB66 | Slama         | Change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles   |
| LB67 | Slama         | Provide a duty for the State Treasurer regarding deposits of public funds  |
| LB68 | Slama         | Increase limits on medical malpractice liability and change provisions of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act  |
| LB69 | Jacobson      | Provide requirements for life insurance policies   |
| LB70 | Cavanaugh, M. | Eliminate the fee for certain state identification cards and certified copies of birth certificates for voting purposes  |
| LB71 | Sanders       | Change provisions relating to parental involvement in and access to learning materials in schools  |
| LB72 | Aguilar       | Redefine the term gross proceeds for purposes of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act  |
| LB73 | Aguilar       | Change provisions relating to authorized uses for a County Visitors Improvement Fund   |
| LB74 | Linehan       | Change sales tax provisions relating to purchasing agents  |
| LB75 | Vargas        | Provide for review of incidents of severe maternal morbidity   |
| LB76 | Geist         | Provide access to certain information relating to probationers, juveniles, and parolees to law enforcement agencies  |
| LB77 | Brewer        | Provide for carrying of concealed handguns without a permit, change provisions relating to concealed weapons, and prohibit certain regulation of weapons by cities, villages, and counties |
| LB78 | Day           | Redefine massage therapy under the Massage Therapy Practice Act  |
| LB79 | Erdman        | Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act   |
| LB80 | Aguilar       | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Veterans' Affairs   |
| LB81 | Aguilar       | Change number of county judges in Buffalo and Hall counties  |
| LB82 | DeBoer        | Provide reporting duties for Department of Correctional Services, require development of strategic plan, and eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a working group                     |
| LB83 | DeBoer        | Adopt the Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act and change provisions relating to court jurisdiction   |



# NEW BILLS

| Bill  | Introducer    | One-line description  |
|-------|---------------|---|
| LB84  | Day           | Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program   |
| LB85  | Day           | Provide for express lane eligibility under the Medical Assistance Act and the Children's Health Insurance Program   |
| LB86  | Hunt          | Require public works contractors to pay the state minimum wage  |
| LB87  | Hunt          | Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care   |
| LB88  | Hunt          | Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits  |
| LB89  | Hunt          | Repeal provisions stating that surrogate parenthood contracts are void and unenforceable  |
| LB90  | Day           | Change provisions relating to tax incentive performance audits  |
| LB91  | Hansen        | Change motorcycle, moped, and autocycle helmet and eye protection provisions  |
| LR1CA | Blood         | Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed   |
| LR2CA | Erdman        | Constitutional amendments to change from a unicameral legislature to a bicameral legislature, provide for election of members of the Legislature on a partisan ballot, require election of legislative officers and committee chairpersons by a public vote, and require all meetings of the Legislature to be open to the public |
| LR3CA | Cavanaugh, J. | Constitutional amendment to provide for nonpartisan nomination and election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer   |
| LR4CA | Cavanaugh, M. | Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting   |
| LR5   | Blood         | Legislative Resolution to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to regulation of child labor  |
| LR6CA | Erdman        | Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes   |
| LR7CA | Erdman        | Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items   |

## January 6, 2023

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|-------|---------------|--|
| LB92  | Slama         | Eliminate the requirement that an annual review of a title insurance agent's practices be onsite   |
| LB93  | Slama         | Change provisions relating to security deposits required by insurers with the Department of Insurance  |
| LB94  | Slama         | Adopt and change provisions for controllable electronic records under the Uniform Commercial Code  |
| LB95  | Slama         | Adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act and the Asbestos Claims Priorities and Claims Legitimacy Act and change a statute of limitations  |
| LB96  | Slama         | Provide a sales and use tax exemption for twine  |
| LB97  | Clements      | Change provisions relating to required reports for inheritance tax   |
| LB98  | Jacobson      | Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to substandard and blighted declarations and expedited reviews of redevelopment plans  |
| LB99  | Cavanaugh, M. | Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act  |
| LB100 | Erdman        | Change provisions relating to qualified locations under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act   |
| LB101 | Erdman        | Provide for an exemption from the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for certain agricultural operations   |
| LB102 | Erdman        | Change provisions relating to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act and the Nebraska Plane Coordinate System Act   |
| LB103 | McDonnell     | Change provisions of the School Employees Retirement Act and the State Employees Retirement Act  |
| LB104 | McDonnell     | Change provisions of the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act |
| LB105 | McDonnell     | Change provisions of public employee retirement plans relating to military service   |
| LB106 | McDonnell     | Create the offense of digital grooming of a vulnerable adult and prohibit using an electronic communication device or social media to engage in certain conduct with vulnerable adults                     |
| LB107 | McDonnell     | Create the offense of digital grooming and prohibit using an electronic communication device or social media to engage in certain conduct with minors  |
| LB108 | McDonnell     | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for community health centers  |
| LB109 | McDonnell     | Require county boards of corrections in certain counties to act with advice of the county sheriff  |

# NEW BILLS

| Bill  | Introducer    | One-line description  |
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| LB110 | McDonnell     | Change potential conditions of pretrial release and provide for a pretrial risk assessment services pilot project   |
| LB111 | McDonnell     | Adopt the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Act   |
| LB112 | McDonnell     | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for child advocacy centers   |
| LB113 | McDonnell     | Appropriate funds for federal four and nine percent low-income housing tax credit programs  |
| LB114 | Vargas        | State intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs                                     |
| LB115 | Raybould      | Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act  |
| LB116 | Brandt        | Change provisions of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act  |
| LB117 | Brandt        | Change provisions relating to the Independent Processor Assistance Program under the Nebraska Meat and Poultry Inspection Law   |
| LB118 | Brandt        | Change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act   |
| LB119 | Bostelman     | Redefine a term under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act   |
| LB120 | Bostelman     | Eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a Nebraska Power Review Board study   |
| LB121 | Bostelman     | Repeal the Trail Development Assistance Act   |
| LB122 | Bostelman     | Change provisions relating to the One-Call Notification System Act  |
| LB123 | Fredrickson   | Adopt the Behavior Analyst Practice Act   |
| LB124 | Moser         | Change the termination date for the County Bridge Match Program   |
| LB125 | Bostelman     | Change provisions relating to the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund  |
| LB126 | Day           | Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions  |
| LB127 | Day           | Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under eighteen years of age   |
| LB128 | Dorn          | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services  |
| LB129 | Dorn          | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facilities  |
| LB130 | Dorn          | Create the medicaid nursing facilities program  |
| LB131 | Dorn          | State intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid assisted-living facilities  |
| LB132 | Cavanaugh, J. | Adopt the Automatic Renewal Limitation Act  |
| LB133 | Cavanaugh, J. | Provide that entities exercising the power of eminent domain are subject to the Open Meetings Act   |
| LB134 | Cavanaugh, J. | Provide requirements under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act   |
| LB135 | Cavanaugh, J. | Prohibit use of deception by peace officers in questioning juveniles  |
| LB136 | Geist         | Change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act                          |
| LB137 | Geist         | Provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death   |
| LB138 | Geist         | Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers, change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, and change civil penalties as prescribed |
| LB139 | Brandt        | Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court  |
| LB140 | Brandt        | Provide for Czech Heritage license plates   |
| LB141 | Briese        | Require the Department of Education to provide guidance to school districts relating to a moment of silence in schools  |
| LB142 | Briese        | Limit the amount an insured pays for prescription insulin drugs   |
| LB143 | Briese        | Provide for year-round daylight saving time   |
| LB144 | Brandt        | Change and eliminate certain classes of licenses under the State Electrical Act   |
| LB145 | Bostar        | Change provisions relating to coverage for screening mammography and breast examinations  |
| LR8   | DeKay         | Congratulate the Hartington Cedar Catholic High school volleyball team on winning the 2022 State D-1 state championship   |
| LR9   | DeKay         | Congratulate Carson Noecker for winning the 2022 Class C state cross country championship   |
| LR10  | DeKay         | Congratulate Kayla Key on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout   |
| LR11  | DeKay         | Congratulate the Hartington-Newcastle High School one-act team on winning the 2022 Class C-2 state play production championship   |
| LR12  | DeKay         | Congratulate the Wausa High School one-act team on winning the 2022 Class D-1 state play production championship  |
| LR13  | DeKay         | Include the names of the Sage brothers and other sailors on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall  |

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**Bill**    **Introducer**    **One-line description**

LR14CA Briese                      Constitutional amendment to provide for recall of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, or Auditor of Public Accounts or a member of the Legislature

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| Sun             | Mon     | Tue    | Wed    | Thur   | Fri     | Sat |
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| <b>January</b>  |         |        |        |        |         |     |
| 1               | 2       | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6       | 7   |
|                 |         |        | DAY 1  | DAY 2  | DAY 3   |     |
| 8               | 9       | 10     | 11     | 12     | 13      | 14  |
|                 | DAY 4   | DAY 5  | DAY 6  | DAY 7  | DAY 8   |     |
| 15              | 16      | 17     | 18     | 19     | 20      | 21  |
|                 | HOLIDAY | DAY 9  | DAY 10 | DAY 11 | DAY 12  |     |
| 22              | 23      | 24     | 25     | 26     | 27      | 28  |
|                 | DAY 13  | DAY 14 | DAY 15 | DAY 16 | DAY 17  |     |
| 29              | 30      | 31     |        |        |         |     |
|                 | DAY 18  | DAY 19 |        |        |         |     |
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| <b>February</b> |         |        |        |        |         |     |
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|                 | RECESS  | DAY 23 | DAY 24 | DAY 25 | DAY 26  |     |
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|                 | DAY 27  | DAY 28 | DAY 29 | DAY 30 | RECESS  |     |
| 19              | 20      | 21     | 22     | 23     | 24      | 25  |
|                 | HOLIDAY | DAY 31 | DAY 32 | DAY 33 | DAY 34  |     |
| 26              | 27      | 28     |        |        |         |     |
|                 | RECESS  | DAY 35 |        |        |         |     |
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| <b>March</b>    |         |        |        |        |         |     |
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|                 |         |        | DAY 36 | DAY 37 | DAY 38  |     |
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|                 | DAY 39  | DAY 40 | DAY 41 | DAY 42 | RECESS  |     |
| 12              | 13      | 14     | 15     | 16     | 17      | 18  |
|                 | DAY 43  | DAY 44 | DAY 45 | DAY 46 | RECESS  |     |
| 19              | 20      | 21     | 22     | 23     | 24      | 25  |
|                 | RECESS  | DAY 47 | DAY 48 | DAY 49 | DAY 50  |     |
| 26              | 27      | 28     | 29     | 30     | 31      |     |
|                 | RECESS  | DAY 51 | DAY 52 | DAY 53 | DAY 54  |     |
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|                 | DAY 55  | DAY 56 | DAY 57 | DAY 58 | RECESS  |     |
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|                 | RECESS  | DAY 59 | DAY 60 | DAY 61 | DAY 62  |     |
| 16              | 17      | 18     | 19     | 20     | 21      | 22  |
|                 | DAY 63  | DAY 64 | DAY 65 | DAY 66 | RECESS  |     |
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|                 | RECESS  | DAY 67 | DAY 68 | DAY 69 | HOLIDAY |     |
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| <b>May</b>      |         |        |        |        |         |     |
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|                 | RECESS  | DAY 70 | DAY 71 | DAY 72 | DAY 73  |     |
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|                 | DAY 74  | DAY 75 | DAY 76 | DAY 77 | RECESS  |     |
| 14              | 15      | 16     | 17     | 18     | 19      | 20  |
|                 | RECESS  | DAY 78 | DAY 79 | DAY 80 | DAY 81  |     |
| 21              | 22      | 23     | 24     | 25     | 26      | 27  |
|                 | DAY 82  | DAY 83 | DAY 84 | DAY 85 | RECESS  |     |
| 28              | 29      | 30     | 31     |        |         |     |
|                 | HOLIDAY | DAY 86 | DAY 87 |        |         |     |
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| <b>June</b>     |         |        |        |        |         |     |
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|                 | RECESS  | RECESS | RECESS | RECESS | DAY 90  |     |
| 11              | 12      | 13     | 14     | 15     | 16      | 17  |
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| <p><b>Legislative Recess Days</b><br/>                 February 6, 17, 27<br/>                 March 10, 17, 20, 27<br/>                 April 7, 10, 21, 24<br/>                 May 1, 12, 15, 26<br/>                 June 5, 6, 7, 8</p> | <p><b>Federal &amp; State Holidays</b><br/>                 January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day<br/>                 February 20 – Presidents’ Day<br/>                 April 28 – Arbor Day<br/>                 May 29 – Memorial Day</p> |
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Newly elected and recently appointed senators were sworn in on the first day of the legislative session. Front row, from left: Sens. George Dungan, Kathleen Kauth, Danielle Conrad, Jane Raybould, Barry DeKay and Loren Lippincott. Back row: Sens. R. Brad von Gillern, Teresa Ibach, Merv Riepe, John Fredrickson, Mike Jacobson, Jana Hughes, Rick Holdcroft and Brian Hardin. (Not pictured: Sens. Christy Armendariz and Beau Ballard.)