

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436**

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the initiative and referendum petition processes in the twenty-six states in which such a process exists. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Recent proposed statutory or constitutional changes to initiative and referendum petition processes including changes to signature requirements, circulation periods, initiative content, circulator requirements, signer requirements, petition requirements, ballot language, election requirements, withdrawing signatures, and campaign finance requirements;

(2) Whether all Nebraskans, including individuals in low-population areas, are fairly and properly represented in the initiative petition process; and

(3) Spending on initiative petition measures in Nebraska over the last fifteen years including names of funding entities, dollar amounts, and where such entities are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veteran 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.