



# Notice of Restoration

**Introducer: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Bill Number: LB 76**

## Talking Point #1 – Tools for county officials

**Statement:** Providing county election officials with notice of when a returning citizen has successfully completed their sentence reduces staff time spent determining eligibility, increases likelihood that an eligible returning citizen is registered to vote, and eliminates confusion on eligibility.

### **Supporting Statements:**

- A recent ACLU study found that 50% of county election officials provided inaccurate information when asked whether a returning citizen could register to vote.
- Currently, election officials only receive notice that an individual has been convicted of a felony. In order to determine if the individual is eligible, the county election officials have to actively search for if and when the sentence was completed, sometimes having to call multiple county and state offices.
- The state has put in place a mechanism for quickly suspending an individual's right to vote, this is the mechanism to ensure that the re-enfranchisement of an individual is equally efficient.

## Talking Point #2 – Ease of Registration

**Statement:** Every other Nebraska simply has to fill out a voter registration form – it should be no different for a returning citizen. State and county agencies should share data and not put the burden on the returning citizen.

### **Supporting Statements:**

- Providing data to the county to determine eligibility makes it less likely that an eligible returning citizen will be further disenfranchised and turned away when attempting to register.