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Senator Tom Brewer, Chair
and Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Lincoln NE

Re: LB 195 (Halloran) Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act

Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB 195.

OPPOSE

Dear Senator Brewer:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska opposes LB 195 the "Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act."

The League is concerned that there are many unresolved questions about the powers and processes of an Article V Constitutional Convention. The League has identified a number of criteria that should be met prior to calling such a convention:

- The Constitutional Convention must be transparent and not conducted in secret.
- Representation at the Constitutional Convention must be based on population.
- Voting at the Constitutional Convention must be by delegate.
- The Constitutional Convention must be limited to a specific topic.
- Only state resolutions on a single topic count when determining if a Constitutional Convention should be called.
- The validity of state calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention must be determined by the most recent action of the state.

As the criteria for calling an Article V Constitutional Convention are not in place, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska urges the Government Committee not to advance LB 195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri St. Clair".

Sheri St. Clair

Government Director, LWVNE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Bystrom".

Dianne Bystrom
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