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

Re: LB 590 (Groene) Change time periods for ballots for early voting

*Please include this written testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB 590.*

**OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Brewer and Members of the Committee:

For the record, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska opposes LB 590, which would decrease the amount of time allowed to vote by mail from 35 days to 20 days and decrease the time to vote in person before the election commissioner or county clerk from 30 days to 15 days.

The League works to promote proactive election reforms including the expansion of early voting. LB 590 would decrease accessibility to the electoral process, hindering the right of citizens to vote. As shown in the November 2020 elections, and supported by Secretary of State Evnen, early ballots, either mailed or dropped off, were cast securely. Nebraska voters are increasingly supportive of voting by mail; LB 590 adds an unnecessary limitation in the time that has historically been allotted to early voters and those who choose to vote by mail.

The League of Women Voters works to remove barriers to voting. The League is opposed to the shortening of timelines for early voting.

We oppose further action on LB 590.

Sincerely,  
  
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