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Senator Tom Brewer, Chair,
and Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

RE: LB313 (Lowe) – To change provisions relating to special elections and filling vacancies

SUPPORT: *Please include this letter from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the record in support of LB313.*

Dear Senator Brewer and Members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska is pleased to see the Legislature address the confusion around the vacancy that occurred in Congressional District 1 in 2022. We support LB313 because it clarifies special elections and vacancies with a minimum of conflict, wasted time and duplication of effort.

LB313 provides a timeframe of 75 to 90 days within which the Governor can hold a special election to replace a Nebraska U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative who can begin the work of representing our state in Congress. This bill clarifies when a person can be appointed or when a special election is necessary and makes sure Nebraskans have representation in our nation's capital.

Please vote LB313 out of committee to General File for debate.

Sincerely,
Joanna Lindberg, Co-Director of Government, LWWNE
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