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Senator Tom Briese, Chair, and Members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council  
State Capitol, Lincoln, NE

RE: LR22CA (Dover) – Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms

**SUPPORT** – *Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LR22CA.*

Dear Senator Briese and Members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council:

The League of Women Voters supports LR22CA, Senator Dover's constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two to three consecutive terms. This would give legislators more time to understand the complexity of state government, taxes, services and budgets as well as assure that quality programming and oversight are being provided for our state.

As background for the Executive Board, the national League of Women Voters opposes term limits for legislators on the grounds that such limits would adversely affect the accountability, representativeness and effective performance of government.<sup>1</sup> The institutional knowledge acquired by legislators who have worked at length with complicated state programs is often lost with term limits.

While the League of Women Voters of Nebraska ultimately would like to see the complete elimination of term limits, we support LR22CA with three four-year terms because it is a significant improvement over the current system of two four-year terms. We urge the Executive Board to advance the bill.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup>League of Women Voters of the United States. (2022-2024). *Impact on issues: A guide to public policy positions of the League of Women Voters*, p. 65. [https://www.lvv.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/LWV\\_ImpactOnIssues2022-2024.pdf](https://www.lvv.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/LWV_ImpactOnIssues2022-2024.pdf)