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

RE: LR3CA (Cavanaugh, J.) – Constitutional amendment to provide for nonpartisan nomination and election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer

**SUPPORT** – *Please include this position statement from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LR3CA.*

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

For the record, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LR3CA, which would amend the election process for the state's executive officers to be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner without any indication of political party or affiliations on the ballot.

When the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature was established in 1934, the intent was to shield Nebraska from the political forces of the national parties. Leadership is based on quality rather than political affiliation.

The League of Women Voters supports electoral methods that will encourage voter participation while maximizing the effectiveness of every vote. When voters are able to look at the qualifications and records of those running for office rather than their political party, more effective leaders and representation will emerge. This allows voters to vote for the candidate who aligns best with their individual beliefs rather than political affiliations that can fall prey to national influences that may not be in Nebraska's best interest. LR3CA would ensure that voters look beyond a letter on the ballot to cast their vote for Nebraska's executive officers.

The League of Women Voters works to have an informed and active voting population. The League supports measures that encourage informative decision-making in that process.

We support further action on LR3CA.

Sincerely,

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