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

RE: LB1042 (Fredrickson) – Change provisions relating to registering to vote

SUPPORT – *Please include this testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the public hearing record for LB1042.*

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

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB1042, which will provide for automatic voter registration or registration updates for eligible Nebraska citizens unless they choose to opt out.

LB1042 will allow Nebraska to join the 24 states and Washington, D.C., which are categorized by the National Conference of State Legislators as having enacted or implemented automatic voter registration.

Since the passage of the National Voting Rights Act in 1993, the collection of voter information has shifted from paper-based forms to digital records, with many state DMV systems linking electronically to statewide voter registration databases. This allows the DMV to not only collect information on eligible voters but also to electronically transfer that information to the voter registration database. Electronic data transfers are more accurate and less resource intensive systems.

The LWWNE also supports that applicants will not be considered in violation of the Election Act unless willful and knowing registration is attempted by individuals who know they are ineligible.

LB1042 should advance for full floor consideration.

Sincerely,

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