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

RE: LB1390 (Bostar) – Require a report and prohibit certain activities related to elections and change
and provide penalties

SUPPORT – *Please include this testimony from the League of Women Voters of Nebraska as part of the
public hearing record for LB1390.*

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

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska supports LB1390, which would prohibit and change
provisions relating to interference with election officers and workers.

The right of every citizen to vote has been a basic League principle since its founding. We support
improvements in election administration including improvements in polling place management and
improved poll worker training.

As we are aware, during the 2020 election and in the months following, misinformation and lies about
the integrity of the electoral process fueled political violence across the country. The insurrection at
the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, was the most visible example, but not the only one. The risk of
such violence and intimidation has only increased in 2022. Included in our letter is a reference with a
link to a story on a poll conducted by the Brennan Center for Justice in which more than half of
election officials surveyed now fear for the physical safety of their colleagues and themselves.¹

The League supports efforts to document election interference and intimidation in Nebraska.

We support the advancement of LB1390 for full consideration.

Sincerely,

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MaryLee Moulton and Janelle Stevenson, Co-Presidents, LWWNE

¹Edlin, R., & Baker, T. (2022, March 10). Poll of local election officials finds safety fears for colleagues – and
themselves. Brennan Center for Justice. [https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/poll-
local-election-officials-finds-safety-fears-colleagues-and](https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/poll-local-election-officials-finds-safety-fears-colleagues-and)