

Party Affiliation Transparency in Nebraska's Unicameral

2 **Subject:** Cass County Republican Party call for Party Affiliation Transparency in Nebraska's Unicameral.

3 **WHEREAS:** In reference to Legislative authority; Nebraska Constitution Article III-1 states *The legislative authority of the state shall be vested in a Legislature consisting of one chamber.* This is commonly known as the Unicameral.

4 **WHEREAS:** In reference to Legislators; Nebraska Constitution Article III-7 states *Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization.*

5 **WHEREAS:** The Nebraska Unicameral uses the title for representatives of Senator, but each Senator that registers to vote has to register as Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, Legal Marijuana NOW, or Nonpartisan.

6 **WHEREAS:** Each Senator could easily choose Nonpartisan as their registered party affiliation if they so choose.

7 **WHEREAS:** Nebraska voters deserve the transparency of Senators to be identified according to their voter registration.

8 **WHEREAS:** Implementation of identifying the Senator's chosen party would not be a significant burden for the state but would be very useful for voters' participation in the election process.

9 **WHEREAS:** Party affiliation is fundamental to holding Senators accountable for their positions and their votes on specific legislation that they support or not support.

10 **WHEREAS:** Party affiliation provides for voters to become more involved in the political process of state lawmaking and fulfills the inferred policy of the Unicameral that the voting public is the 2nd body of the process of lawmaking in Nebraska; therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED:** The Cass County Republican Party through its duly elected delegates, calls upon the Nebraska Republican Convention to direct the Nebraska State Executive Board with the task of finding a Republican Legislator to draft and present a *Priority Bill* establishing Party Affiliation Transparency of State Legislators on all official documents.

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