

**Corey R. Steel**  
State Court Administrator



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**Deborah A. Minardi**  
State Probation Administrator

January 19, 2021

Bob Missel, Chair  
Dodge County Board of Supervisors  
427 N Birchwood  
Fremont, NE 68025

Dear Mr. Missel:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Nebraska Judicial Branch has pursued legislation in the 2021 session regarding elected Clerks of the District Court. The bill, LB102, has been introduced by Senator Myron Dorn and can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

[https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=43828](https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=43828)

The bill provides a county board with the option of eliminating the office of Clerk of the District Court if said office becomes vacant or an incumbent clerk does not file for reelection. This would not force any current Clerk of the District Court position to be eliminated unless that position becomes vacant. The bill also transfers the duties of ex officio Clerks of the District Court to the State over two years beginning July 1, 2023.

Transfer of this judicial function will benefit your county. Depending on the level of resources your county devotes to District Court, those resources will now be available for other county priorities. In turn, it will allow the Nebraska Judicial Branch to provide more consistent and efficient support through court personnel who have full access to State resources.

As you know, this proposal is not a new idea and the Nebraska Judicial Branch has been approached by county board members in several counties asking how the District Court office can be transferred to the State. Therefore, we felt it necessary to provide a means to accomplish that goal. Please note, the proposal does not require or mandate elimination of this office. The decision can only be made by each county board.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We are very willing to discuss them with you and welcome any support you can give for LB102.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey R. Steel".

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