

Nebraska Legislature 2023 Preview

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Nebraska's Senators are limited to two consecutive 4-year terms. Although officially nonpartisan, the current make-up of the body is 17 Democrats, and 32 Republicans. All even-numbered seats are up for election in November 2022. There are ten incumbents running for re-election, two appointed members, and 13 open seats. In addition, there are three running for higher office that would be replaced by appointment should they win.

The bulk of leadership positions will be vacant at the beginning of 2023. One of the first tasks for Senators in the 2023 Session will be to elect Committee Chairs and complete committee assignments.

District 1

- **Senator Julie Slama:** Peru. Appointed by Governor Ricketts in 2018



- Republican. Law student at UNL, Political Science degree from Yale University; Former paraeducator. Ricketts campaign volunteer. Currently serves on Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Retirement Committee
- Senator Slama is planning to run for Chair of the Banking Commerce & Insurance Committee

District 2

- **Senator Robert Clements,** Elmwood – Appointed to Nebraska Legislature February 2017. First elected in 2018. (5133 votes in primary)



- Republican. Exec. Vice Pres. American Exchange Bank. UNL graduate. President of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, member of the Sons of the American Legion, and former Cass County GOP chair. Clements serves on the Appropriations Committee.

- Senator Clements is expected to run for and be elected Chair of the Appropriations Committee

- **Sara J. Slattery,** Plattsmouth (2209 votes in primary)



- Democrat. Head of St. John's hot lunch program. Manager and head chef at Slattery Vintage Estates Vineyard & Tasting Room – opened with her parents in 2008. Parents are very active in community; Father is public defender in Cass County and serves on Cass County Economic Development Board.

District 3

- **Senator Carol Blood,** Bellevue



- Democrat. Previously worked as the director of the La Vista Area Chamber and as a business specialist at Nebraska Self Employment Services. Served as the at-large representative on the Bellevue City Council from 2008 -2015. Blood currently serves on the Business & Labor Committee, Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee and Urban Affairs Committee.

- Blood is currently running for Governor. Should she win, her replacement would be appointed by the Governor and be eligible for election to the seat in 2024.

District 4

- **Senator Robert “Bob” Hilkemann, Omaha (Term-Limited)**



- Republican. Retired Omaha podiatrist. Practiced in Omaha for 37 years and founded the Foot and Ankle Center of Nebraska in 1984. Was on the State Board of Health from 1983 to 1988, serving as chairman for two years. Hilkemann serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Candidates:

- **Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek, Omaha (4619 votes in primary)**



- Independent. Grew up in Iowa but has lived in Omaha for 30 years. Owns and operates a small business offering financial and insurance services for banks and credit unions. Serves as President of Rank the Vote Nebraska, on the Advisory Board for Nonpartisan Nebraska, and has volunteered as a Nonpartisan Election Observer through Civic Nebraska.

- **R. Brad von Gillern, Elkhorn (5029 votes in primary)**



- Republican. Graduated from Burke High School in 1978. Earned BS in Construction Management Engineering from UNL. Began working for Lueder Construction in 1991 and acquired majority ownership in 2006. He served as President, and then CEO until 2021 when he sold his remaining interest. He currently serves as Director of Business Development. Elder board member of Lifegate Church, involved in Salvation Army and Boy Scouts. Wife, Mary, is retired from residential real estate business.

District 5

- **Senator Mike McDonnell:**



- Democrat, Former Omaha Fire Chief. President, Omaha Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO). Teaches labor negotiation at UNO. Has Master's degree in Public Administration – Bellevue University, Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, and Associates degree in Fire Protection Technology from UNO. McDonnell currently serves on the Appropriations Committee.

District 6

- **Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, (4320 votes in primary)**



- Democrat. Daughter of former US Rep. John Cavanaugh. Earned an MA from the University of Nebraska in Public Administration. Worked for the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University. Previously worked as director of development for Opera Omaha, American Province of the Servants of Mary, and staff assistant for US Sen. Ben Nelson. Cavanaugh currently serves on the Health & Human Services and Transportation & Telecommunications committees.

- **Christian Mirch (3181 votes in primary)**



- Republican. Attended Creighton for both undergraduate and law degrees. Former Omaha police officer, left in 2018 to clerk for the Honorable Michael G. Heavican. Now practices law and is a part-time police officer in Yutan. Former chair of the Douglas County Republican Party. Sits on the Set Me Free Project Board of Directors, which is focused on human trafficking.

District 7

○ Senator Tony Vargas:



- Democrat. Director of Policy and Advocacy for a national education non-profit. Former member of the Omaha Public Schools Board of Education representing the communities of Downtown and South Omaha. Vargas currently serves on the Appropriations Committee.

- Senator Vargas is running for Congress against Congressman Bacon. If he is elected, his successor would be appointed by the Governor and be eligible to run for election in 2024.

District 8

○ Senator Megan Hunt, Omaha (5180 votes in primary and will win)



- Democrat. Owner of Shop Five Nine in Dundee. From Blair but has lived in Dundee for 17 years. Founded the nonprofit Safe Space Nebraska. Serves as a trustee of the Business Ethics Alliance and has served on the boards of Friends of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Friends of the Nebraska AIDS project, and Omaha area youth orchestras. Hunt serves on the Business & Labor, Government, Military & Veterans Affairs, and Urban Affairs committees.

○ Marilyn Arant Asher (1827 votes in primary)



- Republican. Graduate of Burke High School. She holds bachelor's degrees from Grace Bible Institute and St. Paul Bible College, and a Master of Arts in organizational leadership from Crown College. Worked for an engineering firm for 25 years and then the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility in Omaha until 2017 working as a religious and volunteer coordinator. Member of Nebraskans for Founders Values (Minutemen).

District 9

○ Senator John Cavanaugh, Omaha



- Democrat; Asst. Douglas County Public Defender, Former aide to Senator Ben Nelson and Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey, Brother of Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh currently serves on the Agriculture, General Affairs, and Natural Resources committees.

District 10

- Senator Wendy DeBoer, First elected in 2018 (4148 votes in primary)



- Democrat. Former university educator and attorney. Currently working on a doctorate in Christian theology. Holds a BA in Economics and English from Hastings college, a JD from the University of Nebraska College of Law, a MA in British literature from the University of Nebraska Omaha, and a master's from the Lutheran School of Theology. DeBoer serves on the Judiciary, and Transportation & Telecommunications committees.

- Lou Ann Goding (3609 votes in primary)



- Republican. Non-practicing CPA. Received accounting degree from Bob Jones University. She worked for Arthur Anderson as an audit manager and in finance for Tender Heart Treasures. Has endorsements from Gov. Pete Ricketts, U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, and U.S. Rep. Don Bacon.

District 11

- Senator Terrell McKinney, Omaha



- Democrat; Community Activist, Creighton law student, Masters in BA from Midland University. Former UNO wrestler, Coaches at Omaha North HS and Ready RP National Wrestling, Black Men United Board member, Nebraska Democratic Party's Black Caucus member

District 12

- Senator Steve Lathrop, Omaha (is not seeking re-election)



- Democrat. Earned his BS degree in 1979 and JD in 1981 from Creighton University. Personal Injury, Medical Malpractice, Product Liability and Workers' Compensation attorney. He served as a board member of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys and President in 2000. Lathrop represented district 12 in the Unicameral from 2007 to 2014. Currently serves as Chair of the Judiciary Committee and on the Agriculture and Business and Labor Committees.

Candidates:

- Merv Riepe, Ralston (3022 votes in primary and expected to win)



- Republican. Former senator who was beat by Lathrop in 2018. Former COO and CEO at Bergan Mercy Medical Center and formerly managed a physician's group at Children's Hospital & Medical Center. Navy veteran. Received a BS in finance from the University of Nebraska Omaha, and a MA in health policy and management from the University of Iowa. Previously served as the Chairman of the Health and Human Services committee and a member of Urban Affairs, and General Affairs committees.

- Robin Richards, Ralston (1213 Votes - 1366)



- Democrat. Attended Ralston Public Schools. Holds degrees in Education, English and music from UNO, and Master's Certificates in working with disabled populations from Colorado State and in diversity, equity, and inclusion from Cornell University. Currently completing graduate school through Colorado State University Leadership in Arts and Culture Management program. Formerly VP of the Ralston Public Schools Board of Education and as regional director for the Nebraska Association of School Boards. Robin is the business manager for the Nebraska Arts Council and serves on the board of the Omaha Children's Choir and the Bellevue Choral Society.

District 13

- Senator Justin Wayne, Omaha



- Attorney and CEO of Trailblazers Constructors, LLC. Creighton University and Creighton University School of Law. Senator Wayne currently serves as Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and on the General Affairs and Natural Resources committees.

District 14

- Senator John Arch, LaVista - First elected in 2018 (3269 votes in primary and will win)



- Republican. Served as the executive vice president of healthcare and director of Boys Town National Research Hospital and clinics. Arch chairs the Health and Human Services Committee and serves on General Affairs and Urban Affairs Committees.
 - Is expected to become Speaker of the Legislature in 2023

- Cori Villegas, Papillion (1431 votes in primary)



- Democrat. Came to Nebraska to attend Creighton University. Grew up in Hawaii as part of an Air Force family. Volunteer at OPS after school programs and works at UNMC's Munroe Meyer Institute.

District 15

- Senator Lynne Walz, Fremont



- Fremont Real Estate agent, former member of Chamber of Commerce, teacher, and executive director of Bethpage of Northeast Nebraska. Senator Walz is the current chair of Education Committee, and member of the Health & Human Services Committee.

District 16

- Senator Ben Hansen, Blair - First elected in 2018 (6466 votes in primary and will win)



- Republican. Chiropractor. Owns Hansen Chiropractic Wellness Center, Blair Rent-It Center, and Heritage Barnwood Company. Elected to Blair City Council in 2015. Active with the Blair Area Chamber of Commerce. Chairs the Business & Labor Committee and serves on Health & Human Services and Agriculture committees. Expected to become Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee in 2023.

- Connie L. Petersen, Hoskins (2274 votes in primary)



- Republican. Graduated from Arlington High School. Earned BS in Psychology and Sociology from Wayne State College, Master of Arts in Experimental Psychology and PhD from Wichita State University, and a Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology from New Mexico State University. Peterson is a Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director at Behavioral Health Specialists in Norfolk.

District 17

- **Senator Joni Albrecht**



- Republican. Albrecht and her husband own a cow-calf operation and farm near Thurston. Former member of Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Currently serves on the General Affairs, Urban Affairs, and Health & Human Services Committees.

District 18

- **Senator Brett Lindstrom, Omaha (Term-Limited)**



- Republican. Received his BA from the University of Nebraska. Was a member of NU football team from 2000 - 2003. Serves as senior wealth strategy associate at the Lindstrom Group. Recently finished third in Republican primary for Governor. Serves on the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee and the Revenue Committee.

Candidates:

- **Michael Young, Omaha (2471 votes in primary)**



- Democrat. Originally from Omaha, attended Metro Community College and UNO where he earned a degree in business administration. Owns Technology consulting Services where he manages websites and provides IT support. Young served on the Metro Community College Board and the Omaha Transit Authority Board

- **Christy Armendariz, Omaha (2355 votes in primary)**



- Republican. Life-long Omaha resident. Earned bachelor's in business administration from UNL, and Master of business administration from Nebraska Methodist College. Armendariz works as a strategic sourcing specialist for Methodist Health System. Previously worked in pharmaceutical sales, and in telecommunications for Great Plains Communications.

District 19

- **Senator Robert Dover, Norfolk (Appointed July 22 to replace Senator Mike Flood, who was elected in June to replace Congressman Jeff Fortenberry)**



- Republican. President of Coldwell Banker Dover Realtors, Dover Management Company, and is vice president of Whitecliff Development. Graduate of Norfolk High School and Wayne State College. Dover will be eligible to run for election to the seat in 2024.

District 20

○ Senator John S. McCollister (Term-Limited)



- Republican. Former executive director of The Platte Institute. Former president of McCollister & Co., a family manufacturing company, as well as director of Metropolitan Utilities District. Son of former Nebraska Congressman John Y. McCollister.

Candidates:

○ Stu Dornan, Omaha (4397 votes in primary and expected to win)



- Republican. Attorney and former FBI Agent. Earned BA in English from University of Florida and JD from LSU Law Center. Served on Westside School Board from 200 – 2003 and as Douglas County Attorney from 2003 – 2006. Has served on ESU #3 Board since 2010.

○ John A. Fredrickson, Omaha (3661 votes in primary)



- Democrat. Graduate of Skutt Catholic High School. Received a BS in social work from New York University and a master's from Columbia University. Moved back to Omaha two years ago, where he now works as a mental health professional.

District 21

○ Senator Mike Hilgers, Lincoln.



- Republican. Attorney and co-founder of Gober Hilgers law firm. Omaha native, University of Chicago Law School, practiced in Texas until 2009. He is the current Speaker of the Legislature.

- Hilgers is running for Attorney General and will win. His successor will be appointed by the Governor and eligible to run for election in 2024.

District 22

○ Senator Mike Moser, Columbus- First elected in 2018 (6528 votes in primary)



- Republican. Owns Columbus Music. Former Columbus Mayor (2004-2016) Moser serves on the Natural Resources, and Transportation & Telecommunications committees.

○ Roy Zach, Genoa (1049 votes in primary) *No picture Available*

- Independent. Graduate of Lindsay Holy Family High School. Earned a BS in geography from Wayne State College and a MA in geography from UNO. Owns art business, Trinity Works.

District 23

- Senator Bruce Bostelman, Brainard



- Republican. U.S. Air Force Veteran. Member of Bohemian Alps Wind Watchers and Center for Rural Affairs. Chair of Natural Resources Committee and member of Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

District 24

- Senator Mark Kolterman, Seward (Term-Limited)



- Republican. Former owner and president of Kolterman Insurance Agency in Seward. Has held leadership roles in both the Nebraska Association of Health Underwriters and the Nebraska Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. Served on the Seward County Economic Development Board, Seward Area Development Corporation, Seward Chamber, and the Southeast Nebraska Development District Board. Currently serves as the Chairman of the Retirement Committee, and as a member of the

Appropriations Committee.

Candidates:

- Jana Hughes, Seward (4516 votes in primary)



- Republican. Grew up in Goehner and graduated from Seward High School. Holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Texas A&M. Worked as an engineer for Kurt Salmon Associates and at family-owned Hughes Brothers Manufacturing (100-year-old company in Seward producing electric transmission equipment). Has served on Seward Board of Education since 2018, is the Chairwoman of the Legacy Fund of Seward County Covid Relief Fund, and President of the Seward

Junior Women's Club.

- Dr. Patrick Hotovy, MD, York (4587 votes in primary)



- Republican. Grew up in Bee. Received MD from UNMC. Has been a family physician at York Medical Clinic since 1992. Was named 2018 NE Family Physician of the Year. Previously served on the York School Board and is past President of the York Public Schools Foundation.

District 25

- Senator Suzanne Geist, Lincoln



- Republican, Volunteer with Clinic with a Heart and a member of Berean Church. Currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee and on the Judiciary Committee

- Has stated that she will run for Chair of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. It is also rumored that she will run for Mayor of Lincoln in May 2023. If she leaves the Legislature, her successor would be appointed

by the Governor and be eligible to run for election in 2024.

District 26

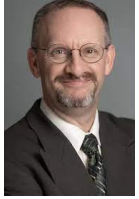
- Senator Matt Hansen, Lincoln



- Democrat. Holds a BA in psychology and political science and a JD from UNL. Served on the board of the University Place Community Organization and on the City of Lincoln's Cable Advisory Board. He serves as Vice Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and is a member of the Urban Affairs Committee, and Business and Labor committee.

Candidates:

- Russ Barger (2821 votes in primary)



- Republican. Wauneta-Palisade High School graduate. Earned BS in Mechanized Systems Management and JD from UNL. Is currently an attorney with the NE Department of Labor. Formerly an assistant AG, and senior claims manager at Old Mutual Financial Network. Barger clerked for the National Right to Life Committee in Washington DC and is a lifetime member of the Lincoln Right to Life Board. Has also served on Lower Platte South NRD.

- George C. Dungan III (2523 votes in primary)



- Democrat. Lincoln native. Earned JD from American University. Serves as a Lancaster County Public Defender. Is a mentor with TeamMates and was inducted into the TeamMates Hall of Fame in 2017. Dungan serves on the Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Lincoln Bar Association.

District 27

- Senator Anna Wishart, Lincoln



- Democrat; Former Director of Partnerships, Beyond School Bells. Former member of the Lincoln Airport Authority. Wishart currently Serves on the Appropriations Committee.

District 28

- Senator Patty Pansing Brooks (Term-Limited)



- Democrat. Earned BA in political science from Colorado College, and JD from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Vice president and co-founder of Brooks, Pansing Brooks law firm. Former senior policy counsel and mayoral aide to Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. She is a member of the Judiciary and Education committees.

Candidates:

- Jane Raybould (4863 votes in primary)



- Democrat. VP and Director of Buildings and Equipment for B&R Stores (grocery business her parents started more than 54 years ago with 20 locations and 2000+ employees). Currently serves on the Lincoln City Council. Previously served as Lancaster County Commissioner, on boards of several local nonprofits as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

- Roy Christensen (2686 votes in primary)



- Republican. Born in Washington, DC and has lived in several different states. After High School, Christensen spent two years in South America as a missionary. Holds a BS in Speech Pathology from Northern Arizona University, and a MS in Audiology from Idaho State University. Served in the Army medical corps in Germany. Moved to Lincoln in 1997. Owns and operates Christensen Audiology. Lincoln City Council member from 2013-2021.

District 29

○ Senator Eliot Bostar, Lincoln



▪ Democrat. Executive director of the Nebraska Conservation Voters and Conservation Nebraska and a member of the Lincoln Electric System's board of directors. Grew up in NY but spent time on family farm in Bradshaw. He currently serves on the Banking, Commerce and Insurance, and Revenue Committees.

▪ Senator Bostar is considering a run for the Banking, Commerce & Insurance Committee

District 30

○ Senator Myron Dorn, Adams. -No Opponent



▪ Republican. Farmer. Served on Gage County Board from 2010-2018. Dorn currently serves on the Appropriations Committee

District 31

○ Senator Kathleen Kauth, Omaha



▪ Republican. Appointed in June to complete the term of Senator Rich Pahls who passed away in May. She is the president of K.T. Beck Enterprises, a mediation and conflict coaching business. Kauth holds a bachelor's degree in criminology and sociology and a master's degree in public policy.

○ Tim Royers, Omaha



▪ Democrat. President of the Millard Education Association. Long-time resident of Millard. Received bachelor's in Social Science Education from NW Missouri State, and master's in Administration from Walden University. Has taught history, government, and geography. 2016 Teacher of the Year. Ran against Senator Pahls in 2020.

District 32

○ Senator Tom Brandt, Plymouth – No Opponent



▪ Republican. Farmer, President of the Plymouth Improvement Association, Farmers Union. Serves on the Agriculture, General Affairs, and Judiciary committees

District 33

- Senator Steve Halloran, Hastings.



- Republican. Retired farmer; owns three HuHot Mongolian Grills. Halloran currently serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and on the Business and Labor, and Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committees.

District 34

- Senator Curt Friesen, Henderson (Term-Limited)



- Republican. Former mayor of Henderson and a farmer leader who has been active in water issues. Serves as the Chairman of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee and is a member of the Revenue Committee

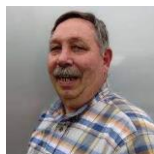
Candidates:

- Loren Lippincott, Central City (6368 votes in primary and will win)



- Republican. Graduated from Central City High School. Received a degree in broadcast journalism from UNL. Served in the US Air Force for 10 years and was stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Lippincott lived in Atlanta where he worked as a commercial airline pilot for Delta for 30 years. He now lives on family farmstead between Fullerton and Central City.

- Michael Reimers, Central City (2772 Votes - 2772)



- Republican. Graduate of Centura High School, Central Community College and UNL. Works in the automotive support equipment business as a technician and sales representative. Reimers served in the National Air Guard for 26 years and has held district and state offices for the American Legion.

District 35

- Senator Ray Aguilar, Grand Island



- Republican. Former Senator from 1999-2008. Former owner of a commercial cleaning business. Currently serves on the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee, and the Natural Resources Committee.

District 36 (New District – was located in west/central Nebraska, now near Omaha)

○ **Senator Matt Williams, Gothenburg (Term-Limited)**



▪ Republican. Attorney, Chairman and president of Gothenburg State Bank. 2013 Chairman of the American Bankers Association. Former board member and vice chair of the Nebraska Chamber. Trustee for the NU Foundation and member of the board of directors for UNL's Innovation Campus. Is Chair of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, and Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Candidates:

○ **Rick Holdcroft, Bellevue (3424 Votes - 3459)**



▪ Republican. Received an electrical engineering degree from UNL through the ROTC program. Retired Navy Captain. During 28-year career in the Navy he had two assignments at US Strategic Command and was in command of a Spruance class-destroyer. After his military career, Holdcroft was an executive in the aerospace industry. He is endorsed by Governor Ricketts.

○ **Angie Lauritsen, Gretna (3216 Votes - 3282)**



▪ Democrat. Grew up a military kid, born at Offutt AFB, and lived at Fort Sill (OK), Fort Riley (KS) and Fort Omaha. She earned her degree from Bellevue University and spent 13 years in corporate banking before becoming an entrepreneur. Moved to Gretna 10 years ago. Has served on numerous boards including: PromiseShip, Gretna Chamber of Commerce. Gretna KIDS Committee and Citizen's Committee. Was part of Leadership Nebraska Class XII.

District 37

○ **Senator John S. Lowe Sr. , Kearney**



▪ Republican. Owner of Platte Valley Brewing Co. in Kearney and a self-employed property investor. Lowe currently serves as Vice-Chair of the General Affairs Committee, and on the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Urban Affairs Committees.

District 38

○ **Senator Dave Murman, Glenvil (6822 votes in primary)**



▪ Republican. Third-Generation Dairy Farmer, Former President NE State Dairy Association. Former School Board member. Murman serves on the Education, and Health & Human Services committees.

○ **Tyler Cappel. Arapahoe (3404 votes in primary)**



▪ Libertarian. Grew up in Holdrege. Attended Southeast Community College and received a degree in kinesiology and exercise science from Vatterot College. Cappel and his wife own Cappel Chiropractic and Personal Training where he is a personal trainer. He has served on the local library board and is a member of

Commerce.

District 39

- Senator Lou Ann Linehan, Elkhorn



- Republican; Former Chief-of-staff to Sen. Chuck Hagel and State Department deputy principal officer in Basrah, Iraq. Currently serves as Chair of the Revenue Committee and on the Education Committee.

District 40

- Timothy Gragert, Creighton (is not seeking re-election)



- Republican. U of N graduate with natural resources degree. Retired after 31 years with US Natural Resources Conservation Services. Served in US armed forces for 40 years. Was a helicopter pilot and deployed four times to the Middle East. Served on Creighton School Board. Currently serves on Agriculture Committee, Business & Labor Committee, and Natural Resources Committee.

Candidates:

- Barry DeKay, Niobrara (4426 Votes)



- Republican. Rancher and high school basketball referee. Former member and Chair of Nebraska Public Power District and NPPD Nuclear Committee, President of the Niobrara Valley Electric Corporation, Farm Bureau, Knox County Cattlemen, and Niobrara Valley Hospital Foundation.

- Keith Kube, Crofton (3176 Votes)



- Republican. Graduated from Crofton High School. Received BS in civil engineering from UNL. CFO for Manufacturer's Network Group, is a licensed real estate broker, and published author.

District 41

- Senator Tom Brieze, Albion



- Republican. Farmer. Has law degree from UNL. Member: NE Cattlemen, NE Farm Bureau, Central Plains Corn Growers Assn., NE Soybean Assn., Boone County Foundation Fund, Boone County Philanthropy Council. Currently serves as Chair of the General Affairs Committee and on the Revenue Committee and Urban Affairs Committee.

District 42

- Senator Mike Jacobson (appointed to fill the remaining term after Senator Groene resigned in February 2022) (3885 votes in primary)



- Republican. Born and raised on family farm near Sutton. Holds a BA in Agricultural Economics from UNL and is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder School of Banking. Founder and CEO of NebraskaLand Bank. Jacobson has served on the North Platte Public Schools Foundation Board (past President), Great Plains Health Board, North Platte Development Corporation, Community Redevelopment Authority, and the North Platte Airport Authority. He serves on the Agriculture, General Affairs, and Natural resources committees.

- Chris Bruns (4031 votes in primary)



- Republican. Received bachelor's degree in business administration from Creighton University. Served in the US Marines Corps. Formerly worked for Prudential and Farm Bureau Financial Services. Currently ranches and serves as a Lincoln County Commissioner. Was originally endorsed by Senator Groene. Endorsed by the NE Republican Party in August.

District 43

- Senator Tom Brewer, Gordon



- Republican. Retired Army Colonel, helicopter pilot, purple heart recipient. Currently serves as the Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and on the General Affairs Committee and Agriculture Committee.

District 44

- Senator Dan Hughes, Venango (Term-Limited)



- Republican. Graduate of Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO. Farmer and small business owner. Former president of the NE Wheat Growers Assn. and Chairman of US Wheat Associates. Has also served on the NE Ethanol Board, Chase County FFA, and Grant/Perkins County School Board. Is Chair of the Executive Board, and serves on the Natural Resources Committee, and Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

Candidate:

- Teresa Ibach, Sumner (opponent dropped out of the race)



- Republican. Graduated from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School. Received a BS from UNL in Human Resources and Family Science. The Ibachs have a cow-calf operation and grow corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. She is a Junior Achievement teacher in Kearney Public Schools and currently serves on the Nebraska FFA Board, Farm Bureau Foundation Board, and Nebraskaland Foundation Board. Her husband, Greg, is the former director of the NE Dept. of Ag and undersecretary of marketing and regulatory programs for the USDA under President Trump, and is the current Under Secretary for the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

District 45

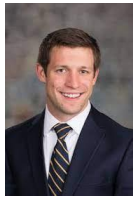
- Senator Rita Sanders, Bellevue



- Republican. Served as Bellevue Mayor for two terms. Owns a retirement home in Bellevue. Endorsed by Governor Ricketts, US Sen. Deb Fischer, Rep. Jeff Fortenberry and Rep. Don Bacon. She currently serves on the Education Committee and the Government, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

District 46

- Senator Adam Morfeld, Lincoln (Term-Limited)



Democrat. Earned a BA in political science from UNL and JD from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Attorney and Executive Director of Nebraskans for Civic Reform. Served on the boards of the Daily Nebraskan student newspaper, a veterans advocacy group (Boot Straps and Beyond), and the NU College of Law Young Alumni Council. Currently serves as Vice Chair of the Education Committee and on the Judiciary committee.

Candidates:

- Danielle Conrad (1582 votes in the primary)



- Democrat. Graduated from Seward High School. Earned a BA in political science and a JD from UNL. Conrad was executive director of the Nebraska ACLU until she had to resign to run for the Legislature. Formerly served in the Unicameral from 2007-2015 where she was a member of the Appropriations Committee. Prior to the Legislature, Conrad worked as a staff attorney for Appleseed. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Legal Aid Nebraska and Research Nebraska. Conrad's husband Tom, a fellow UNL Law graduate, owns Heartland Optical with locations in Lincoln and Grand

Island.

- James Michael Bowers (1359 votes in the primary)



- Democrat. Has bachelor's degree in social work from UNO and a master's degree in social work from Florida State University. Bowers is a social worker at Dawes Middle School and owns his own therapy practice in Havelock. He is the current president of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health and a member of the Lincoln City Council.

District 47

- Senator Steve Erdman



- Republican. Bayard Farmer and former Merrill County Board member. Currently serves on the Appropriations Committee.

District 48

○ Senator John Stinner, Gering (Term-Limited)



▪ Republican. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA. Earned his BS in Business Administration and his MA in Economics from the University of Nebraska Lincoln. President of Valley Bank and Trust Company. 2013 chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association. Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team but chose instead to play football for NU where he was a member of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams. He has served on the Gering Public School board and president of the Gering School Board. Serves as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Candidates:

○ Brian Hardin, Gering (2638 votes in primary)



▪ Republican. Graduated from Gering and High School. Received a bachelor's degree from Chadron State and a master's from Denver Seminary. Formerly worked as a police and prison chaplain and as a minister in PA. Now owns Safety Wing, a consulting firm that does strategic planning, training insurance brokers and advising state and local officials about changes caused by the Affordable Care Act and providing insurance products for the "digital nomad" sector.

○ Don L. Lease II, Bridgeport (1366 Votes in primary)



▪ Republican. Graduated from Banner County High School. Attended the University of Wyoming to study Agriculture but did not obtain a degree. Banner County farmer and rancher. Formerly served on the Scottsbluff School Board.

District 49

○ Senator Jen Day, Gretna



▪ Democrat. Born in Council Bluffs, IA. Holds a B.S. in Political Science from UNO. Owns Artis Strength & Fitness. She currently serves on the Education Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee.