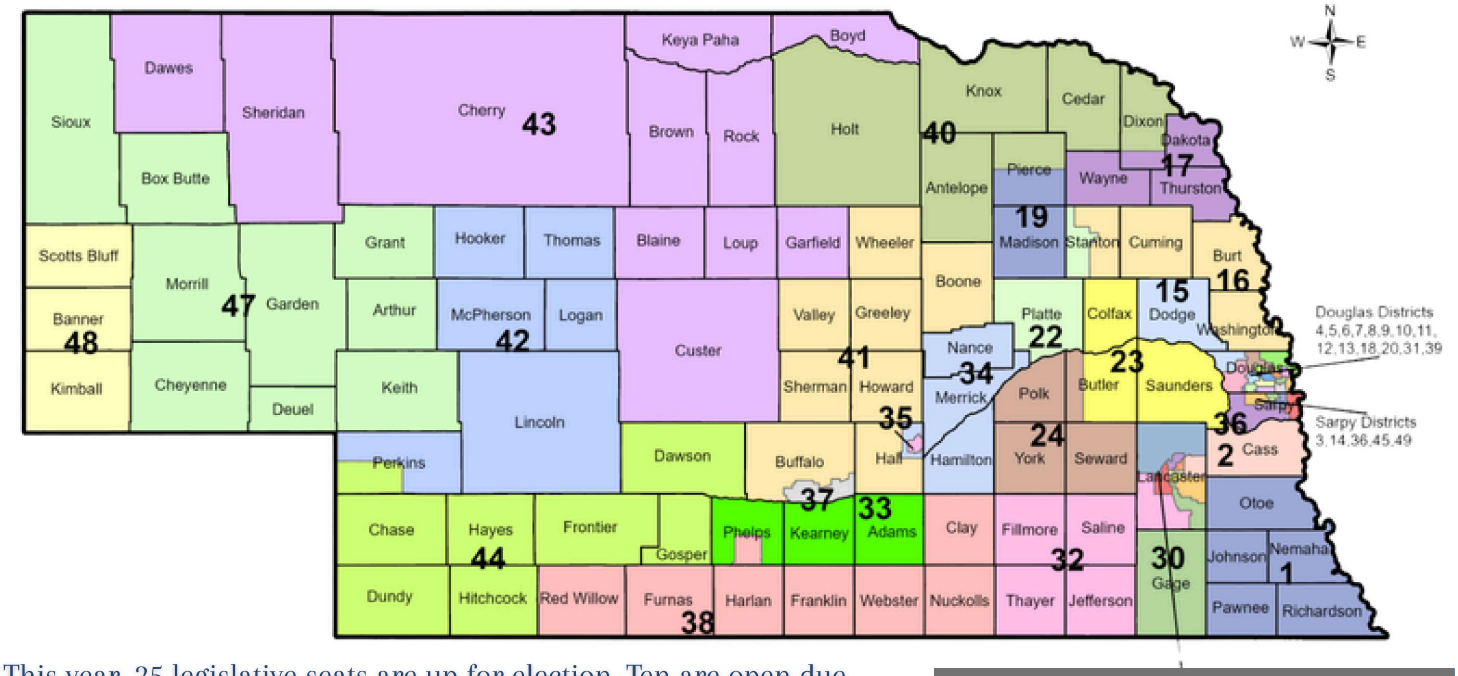


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2026 Candidate Overview





This year, 25 legislative seats are up for election. Ten are open due to term limits, two incumbents have chosen not to seek re-election, and one seat open due to appointment. Twelve senators are running to retain their seats.

Nebraska Legislature Facts:

- One house legislature called a Unicameral (only one in the U.S.)
- 49 State Senators
- 4-year terms
- Term-limits: two, four-year consecutive terms
- Non-partisan elections
- ½ of the seats are up for election every second year
- Filing fee to become a candidate is $120
- Salary: $12,000 annually (unchanged since 1988) plus per diem
- Legislative session lasts 60 days in even-numbered years and 90 days in odd-numbered years (convenes on the first Wednesday following the first Monday in January each year)

NADC Filing Deadlines

- Apr 13 - 1st primary filing
- May 4 - 2nd primary filing
- Jun 22 - Post primary filing

Important Dates

- Jan 7 - First day of Legislative Session
- Feb 17 - Incumbent filing deadline
- Mar 2 - New candidate filing deadline
- Apr 6 - Early vote by mail begins
- Apr 13 - In person early voting begins
- May 12 - Statewide primary election day
- Nov 3 - Statewide general election day

Election Voter Turnout in Nebraska

- 28% (Primary 2022)
- 76% (General 2022)

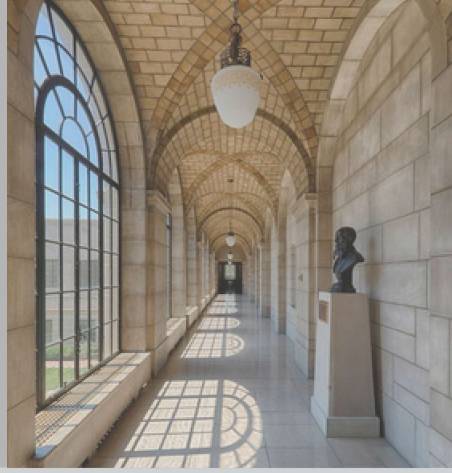
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2026 Candidate Overview



Governor

Jim Pillen



- Republican
- Residence: Columbus
- Born: December 31, 1955
- Occupation: Governor and Founder and owner of Pillen Family Farms
- Spouse: Suzanne
- Children: 4

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $1,290,287
- Cash on Hand: $10,156,035

Lynne Walz



- Democrat
- Residence: Fremont
- Born: June 18, 1963
- Occupation: REALTOR®
- Spouse: Chris
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $131,135
- Cash on Hand: $366,679

2022 General Election

Jim Pillen - 59%
Carol Blood - 36%

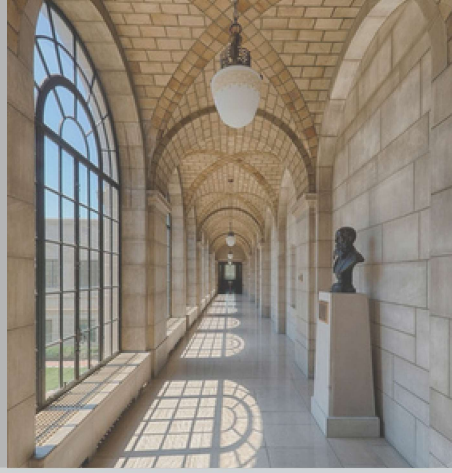
Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%



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2026 Candidate Overview



Governor

Gary Rogge

- Republican
- Residence: Auburn



Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Jim Pillen - 59%
Carol Blood - 36%

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Sheila Korth-Focken

- Republican
- Residence: Long Pine
- Born: September 29, 1980
- Occupation: Rancher



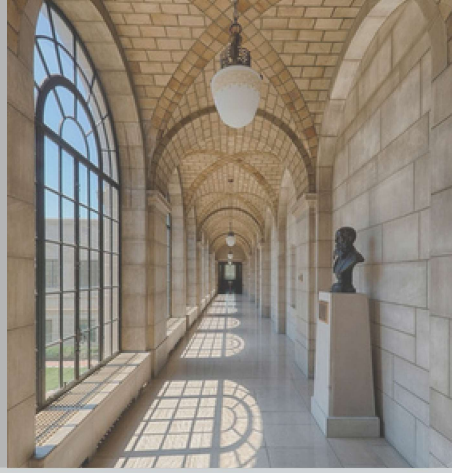
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed



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2026 Candidate Overview



Governor

Rick Beard

- Legal Marijuana NOW
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: February 1, 1968
- Occupation: Small Business Owner
- Spouse: Marion



Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Jim Pillen - 59%
Carol Blood - 36%

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Larry Marvin

- Democrat
- Residence: Fremont
- Born: June 22, 1938
- Occupation: Retired



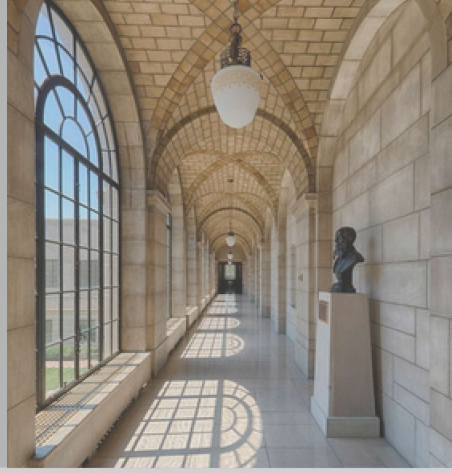
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- Cash on Hand: None filed



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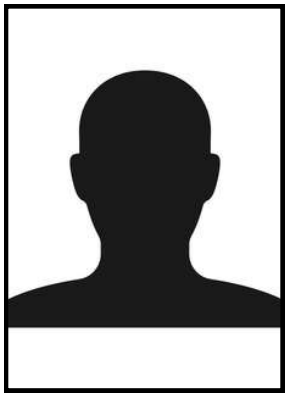
2026 Candidate Overview



Governor

James Charvat

- Legal Marijuana NOW
- Residence: Valley
- Born: June 6, 1963
- Occupation: Business Owner



Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Jim Pillen - 59%
Carol Blood - 36%

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Jacy Todd

- Republican
- Residence: York
- Born: December 6, 1970
- Occupation: Small Business Owner
- Spouse: Pam
- Children: 5



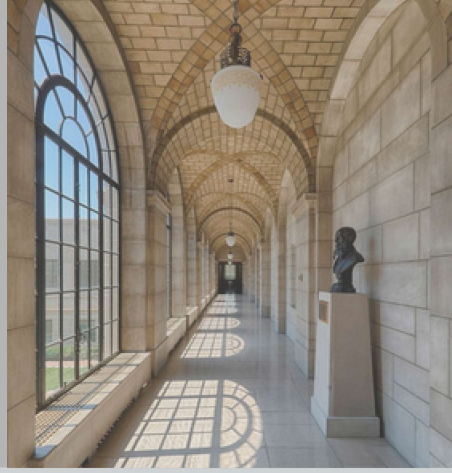
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed



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2026 Candidate Overview



Secretary of State

Bob Evnen



- Republican
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: September 29, 1952
- Occupation: Attorney
- Spouse: Debra
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $134,395
- Cash on Hand: $197,905

2022 General Election

Bob Evnen - unopposed

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Sarah Slattery



- Democrat
- Residence: Plattsmouth
- Born: June 14, 1982
- Occupation: Public School Employee
- Children: 1

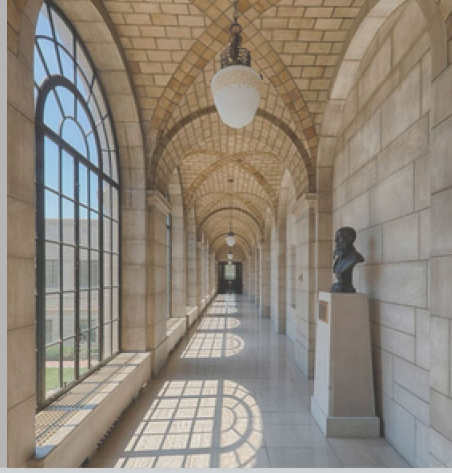
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $0
- Cash on Hand: $298



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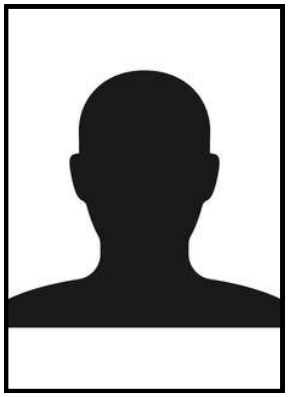
2026 Candidate Overview



Secretary of State

Lee Cimfel

- Democrat
- Residence: Kearney
- Born: 1968



Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Bob Evnen - unopposed

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Scott Petersen

- Republican
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: August 30, 1958
- Occupation: Small Business Owner
- Spouse: Ann



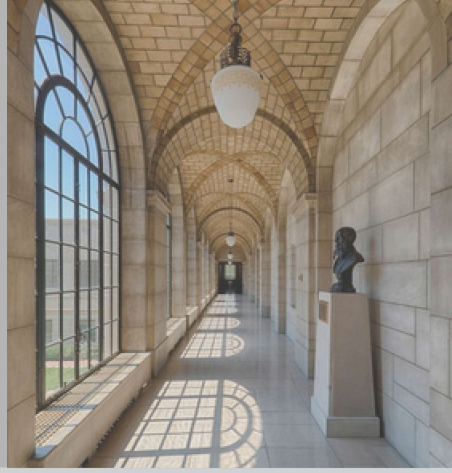
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed



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2026 Candidate Overview



Attorney General

Mike Hilgers



- Republican
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: October 25, 1978
- Occupation: Attorney
- Spouse: Heather
- Children: 4

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $164,638
- Cash on Hand: $928,806

2022 General Election

Mike Hilgers - 70%
Larry Bolinger - 30%

Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Jocelyn Brasher



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Occupation: Attorney

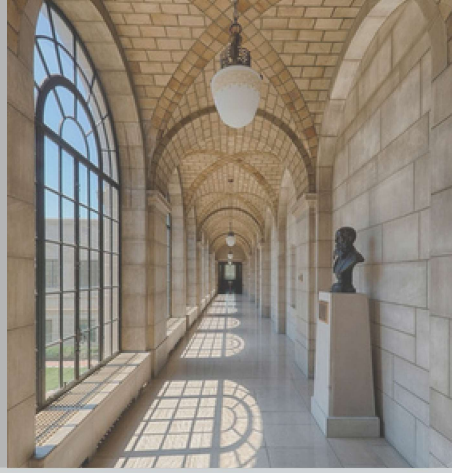
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- Cash on Hand: $298



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2026 Candidate Overview



State Treasurer – current treasurer Joey Spellerberg appointed after Tom Briese resignation

Joey Spellerberg



- Republican
- Residence: Fremont
- Born: March 19, 1990
- Occupation: Business owner
- Spouse: Ashley
- Children: 4

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $5,301
- Cash on Hand: $132,347

2022 General Election

John Murante - 72%
Katrina Tomsen - 28%

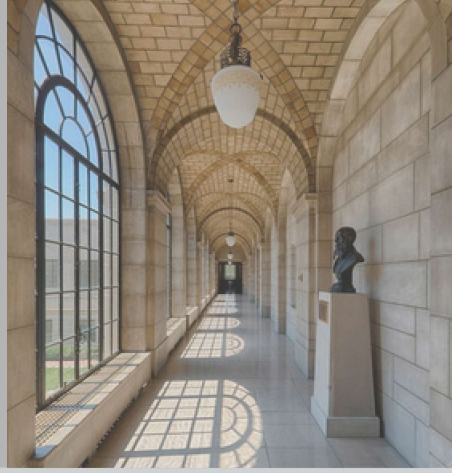
Nebraska Party Registration

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Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%



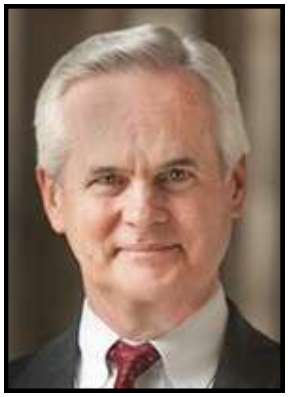
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2026 Candidate Overview



State Auditor

Mike Foley



- Republican
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: April 5, 1954
- Occupation: State Auditor
- Spouse: Susan
- Children: 6

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $8,239
- Cash on Hand: $135,633

2022 General Election

Mike Foley - 69%
Gene Siadek - 12%
L. Leroy Lopez - 19%

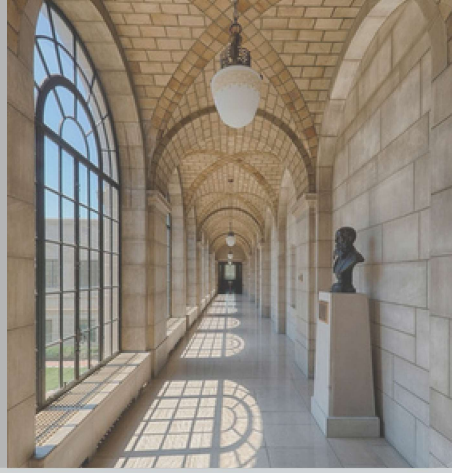
Nebraska Party Registration

Republican - 49%
Democrat - 28%
Nonpartisan - 22%



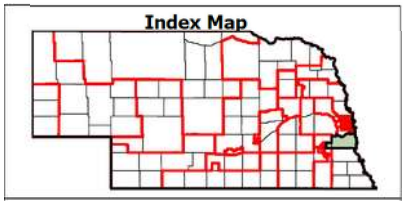
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 2 - (Currently Senator Rob Clements—term limited)

- Cass County and parts of east, central Lancaster County



Caitlin Knutson



- Democrat
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born May 13, 1985
- Occupation: Special Ed teacher
- Spouse: Joshua
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $2,489
- Cash on Hand: $9,500

Dean Helmick



- Republican
- Residence: Plattsmouth
- Born September 17, 1962
- Occupation: Retired Air Force
- Spouse: Pam
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $14,525
- Cash on Hand: $32,555

2022 General Election

Robert Clements - 57%

Sarah Slattery - 44%

LD 2 Party Registration

Republican - 52%

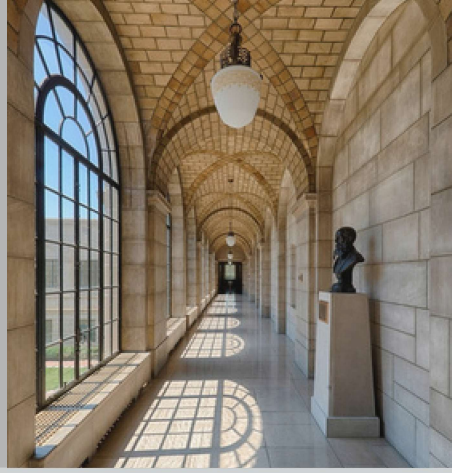
Democrat - 23%

Nonpartisan - 23%



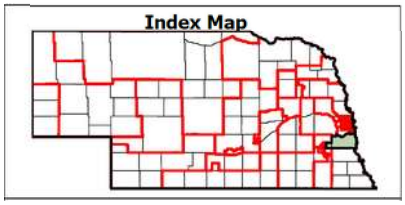
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 2 - (Currently Senator Rob Clements—term limited)

- Cass County and parts of east, central Lancaster County



Jayden Speed



- Democrat
- Residence: Nehawka
- Born: 2004
- Occupation: Student

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $12,277
- Cash on Hand: $9,160

2022 General Election

Robert Clements - 57%
Sarah Slattery - 44%

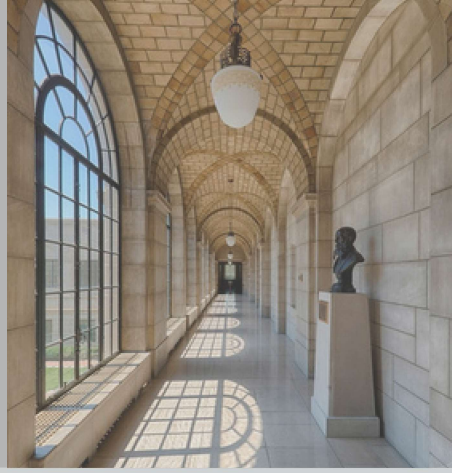
LD 2 Party Registration

Republican - 52%
Democrat - 23%
Nonpartisan - 23%



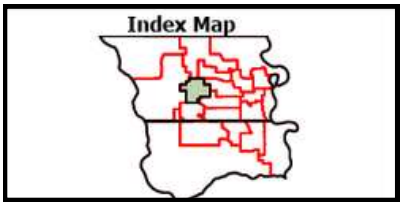
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 4

- Parts of west Douglas County and northwest Omaha - including Elkhorn



Senator Brad von Gillern



- Republican
- Residence: Elkhorn
- Born July 13, 1960
- Occupation: Retired President and CEO of Leuder Construction
- Spouse: Mary Effrein
- Children: 4

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $80,705
- Cash on Hand: $201,485

2022 General Election

Brad von Gillern - 52%
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek - 48%

LD 4 Party Registration

Republican - 47%
Democrat - 26%
Nonpartisan - 25%

Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek



- Nonpartisan
- Residence: Omaha
- Born October 2, 1967
- Occupation: Small business owner
- Spouse: Fred
- Children: 3

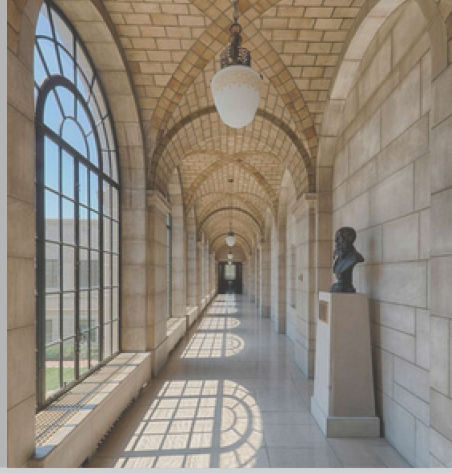
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $12,102
- Cash on Hand: $26,625



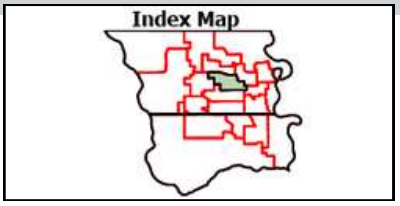
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 6 - (Currently Senator Machaela Cavanaugh—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Omaha, Douglas County



Nate Ostdiek



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: August 14, 1998
- Occupation: Graduate Assistant

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $2,271
- Cash on Hand: $11,458

Patrick Leahy



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: January 12, 1983
- Occupation: Officer in the Army Reserve
- Spouse: Emily
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $6,094
- Cash on Hand: $21,776

2022 General Election

Machaela Cavanaugh - 55%
Christian Mirch - 44%

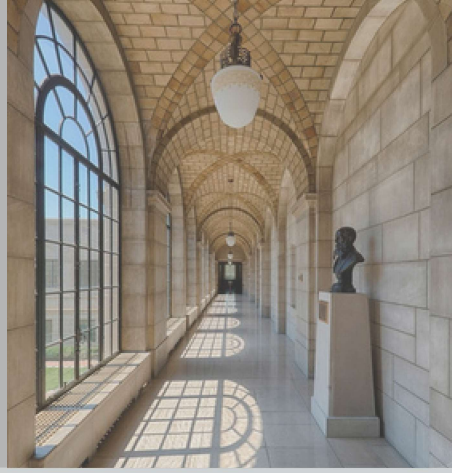
LD 6 Party Registration

Republican - 36%
Democrat - 37%
Nonpartisan - 25%



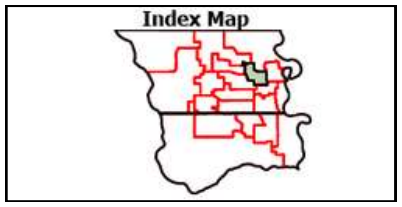
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 8 - (Currently Senator Megan Hunt—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Omaha, Douglas County



Josh Livingston



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: November 17, 1985
- Occupation: Family Law Attorney
- Spouse: Dana
- Children: 1

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $16,251
- Cash on Hand: $59,274

2022 General Election

Megan Hunt - 69%
Marilyn Arant Asher - 31%

LD 8 Party Registration

Republican - 25%
Democrat - 45%
Nonpartisan - 27%

Erin Feichtinger



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: February 13, 1988
- Occupation: Policy Director
- Children: 1

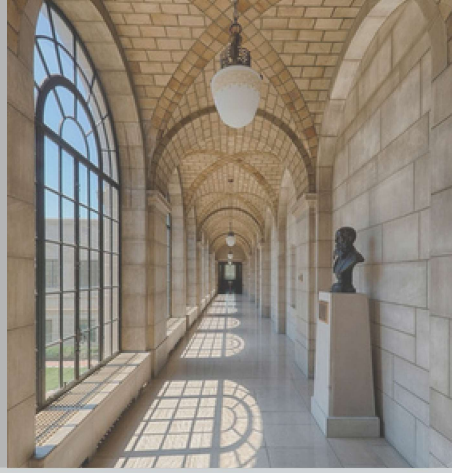
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $7,436
- Cash on Hand: $67,230



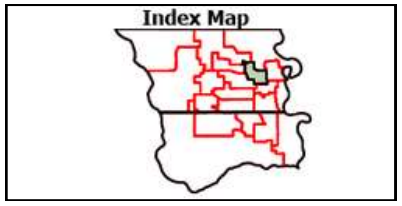
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 8 - (Currently Senator Megan Hunt—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Omaha, Douglas County



Terry Brewer



- Nonpartisan
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: July 6, 1960

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Megan Hunt - 69%
Marilyn Arant Asher - 31%

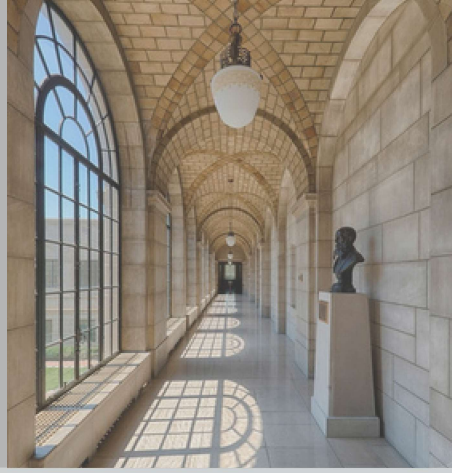
LD 8 Party Registration

Republican - 25%
Democrat - 45%
Nonpartisan - 27%



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2026 Candidate Overview



District 10 - (Currently Senator Wendy DeBoer—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Omaha, Douglas County



Rebecca Rens

- Republican
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: April 17, 1965
- Occupation: Business consultant
- Spouse: Robert
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $9,031
- Cash on Hand: $11,636

2022 General Election

Wendy DeBoer - 54%
Lou Ann Goding - 47%

LD 10 Party Registration

Republican - 37%
Democrat - 34%
Nonpartisan - 26%

Cindy Johnson



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Occupation: Audiologist
- Spouse: Marshall
- Children: 1

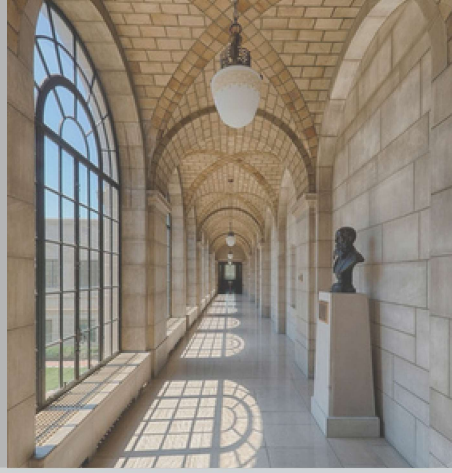
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $5,602
- Cash on Hand: $50,944



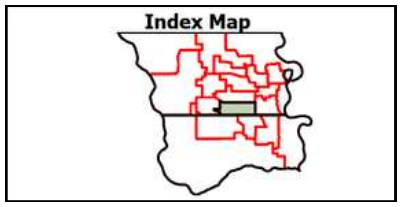
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 12

- Parts of south, central Omaha, including Ralston and parts of Douglas County



Senator Merv Riepe



- Republican
- Residence: Ralston
- Born: July 16, 1942
- Occupation: Retired hospital administrator
- Spouse: Jody
- Children: 1

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $13,502
- Cash on Hand: $53,578

2022 General Election

Merv Riepe - 52%
Robin Richards - 48%

LD 12 Party Registration

Republican - 37%
Democrat - 33%
Nonpartisan - 27%

Christy Knorr



- Democrat
- Residence: Ralston
- Born: November, 6, 1969
- Occupation: Hospice Nurse

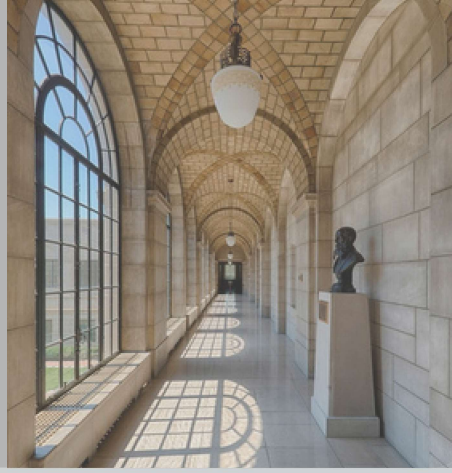
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $2,540
- Cash on Hand: $1,820



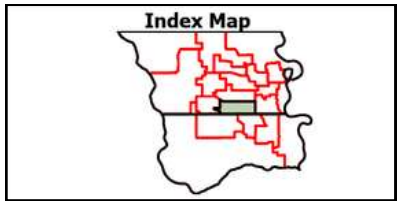
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 12

- Parts of south, central Omaha, including Ralston and parts of Douglas County



Bill Steckis



- Republican
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: December 3, 1965
- Occupation: Medicare and financial services insurance agent
- Spouse: Susan
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

Robin Richards



- Democrat
- Residence: Ralston
- Born: January 29, 1981
- Occupation: Business Manager at Nebraska Arts Council
- Spouse: Shane
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Merv Riepe - 52%
Robin Richards - 48%

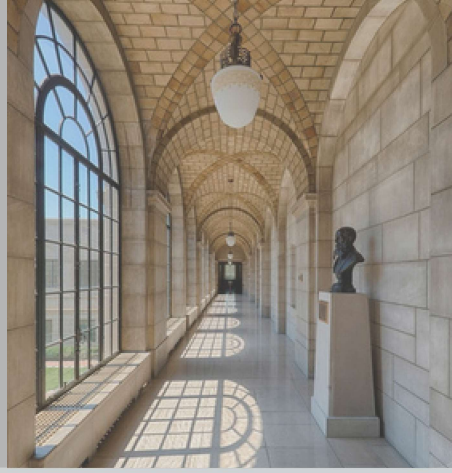
LD 12 Party Registration

Republican - 37%
Democrat - 33%
Nonpartisan - 27%



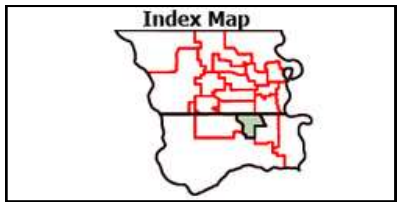
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 14 - (Currently Senator John Arch—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Sarpy County including Papillion and La Vista



Bill Bowes



- Republican
- Residence: La Vista
- Born: September 15, 1958
- Occupation: Retired Fire Chief
- Spouse: Julie
- Children: 7

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $24,317
- Cash on Hand: $39,133

SuAnn Witt



- Democrat
- Residence: Papillion
- Born: January 2, 1954
- Occupation: Papillion La Vista School Board
- Spouse: Robert
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

John Arch - 63%
Cori Villegas - 37%

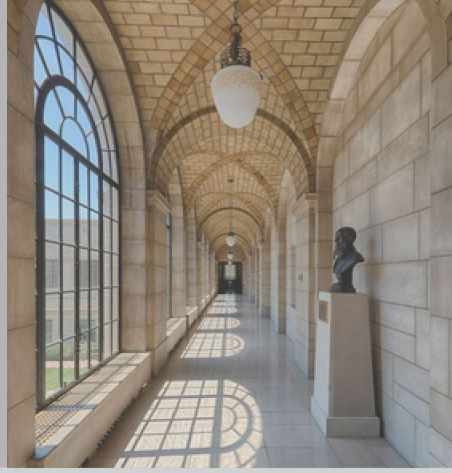
LD 14 Party Registration

Republican - 43%
Democrat - 27%
Nonpartisan - 27%



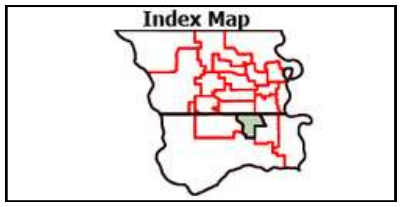
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 14 – (Currently Senator John Arch—term limited)

- Parts of north, central Sarpy County including Papillion and La Vista



Jay Jackson



- Republican
- Residence: Papillion
- Born: October 29, 1981
- Occupation: Attorney, Air Force Reserve
- Spouse: Nichole
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $21,792
- Cash on Hand: $29,546

2022 General Election

John Arch - 63%
Cori Villegas - 37%

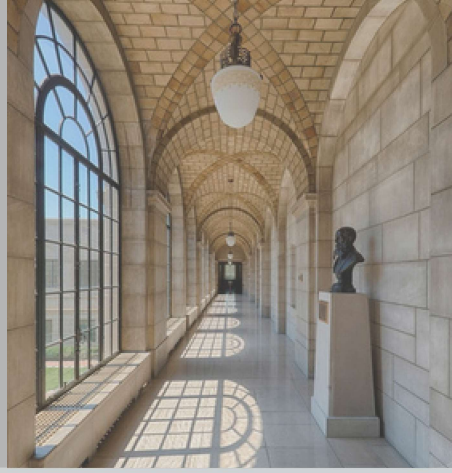
LD 14 Party Registration

Republican - 43%
Democrat - 27%
Nonpartisan - 27%



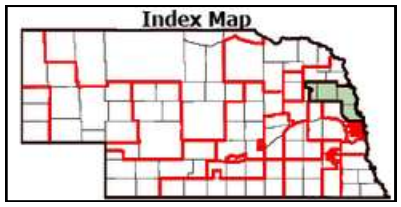
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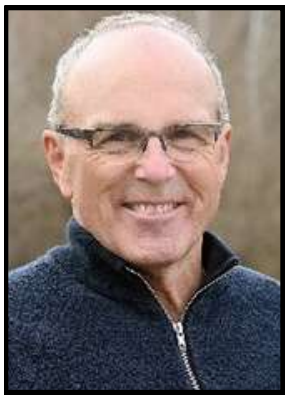


District 16 – (Currently Senator Ben Hansen—term limited)

- Washington, Burt, Cuming, and eastern Stanton Counties



Ted Japp



- Republican
- Residence: Blair
- Born: January 18, 1957
- Occupation: Chiropractor
- Spouse: Lori
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Ben Hansen - 70%
Connie Petersen - 30%

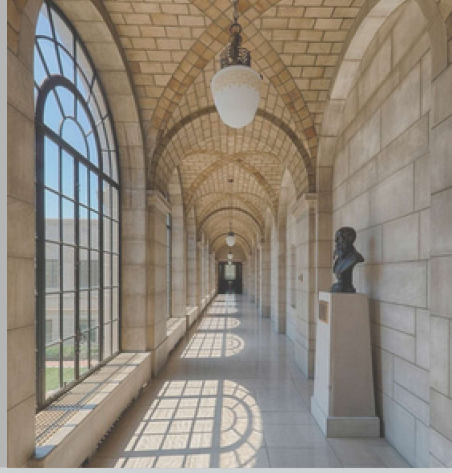
LD 14 Party Registration

Republican - 62%
Democrat - 17%
Nonpartisan - 19%



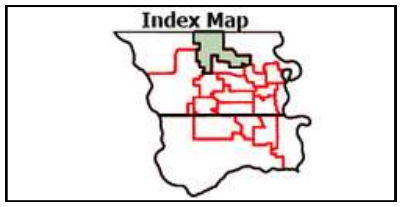
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 18 – (Currently Senator Christy Armendariz—not seeking re-election)

- North central Douglas County, including parts of north Omaha, and Bennington



Jess Goldoni



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: February 6, 1983
- Occupation: Co-founder of an AI consulting firm
- Spouse: Brett

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $3,346
- Cash on Hand: $27,594

Taylor Royal



- Republican
- Residence: Bennington
- Born: January 17, 1990
- Occupation: CPA and financial advisor
- Spouse: Katie
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $24,370
- Cash on Hand: $32,355

2022 General Election

Christy Armendariz - 56%
Michael Young - 44%

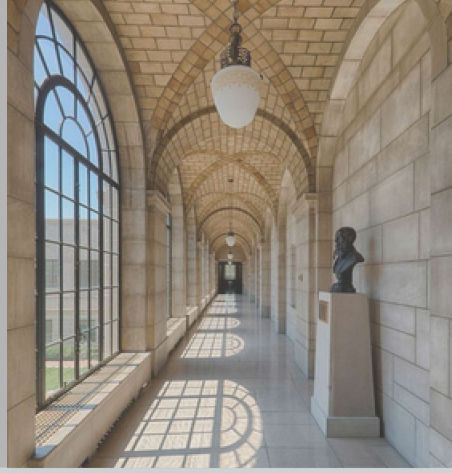
LD 18 Party Registration

Republican - 41%
Democrat - 31%
Nonpartisan - 26%



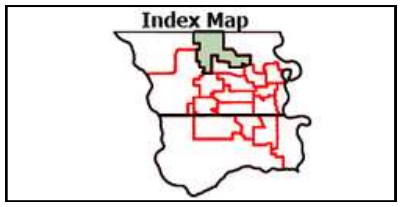
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 18 – (Currently Senator Christy Armendariz—not seeking re-election)

- North central Douglas County, including parts of north Omaha, and Bennington



Derek Schwartz



- Republican
- Residence: Bennington
- Born: July 23, 1986
- Occupation: Police officer
- Spouse: Jacquelynn
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Christy Armendariz - 56%
Michael Young - 44%

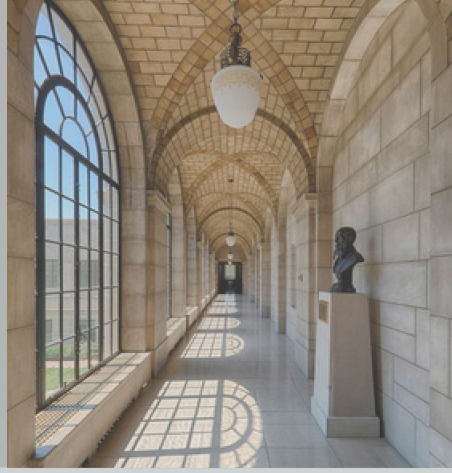
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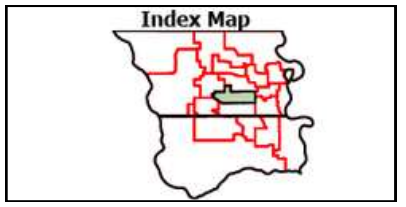
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 20

- Central, west Omaha



Senator John Fredrickson



- Democrat
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: March 28, 1987
- Occupation: Clinical social worker
- Spouse: Jeff Formanek
- Children: 1

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $25,640
- Cash on Hand: $212,692

2022 General Election

John Fredrickson - 50.3%
Stu Dornan - 49.7%

LD 20 Party Registration

Republican - 38%
Democrat - 35%
Nonpartisan - 25%

Chris Anderson



- Republican
- Residence: Omaha
- Born: March 5, 1972
- Occupation: Retired Air Force Colonel
- Children: 2

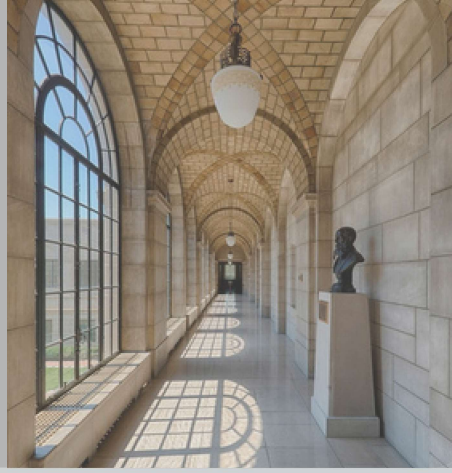
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $7,714
- Cash on Hand: $3,198



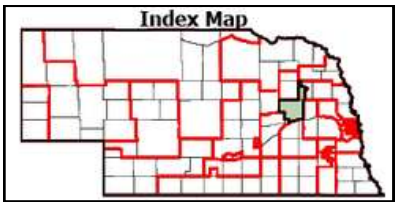
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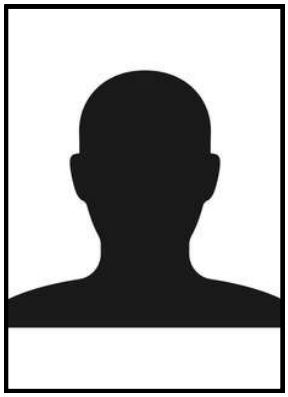


District 22 – (Currently Senator Mike Moser—term limited)

- Platte and western Stanton counties, including Columbus



TBD



- NP
- Residence:
- Born:
- Occupation:
- Spouse:
- Children:

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Mike Moser - 80%
Roy Zach - 20%

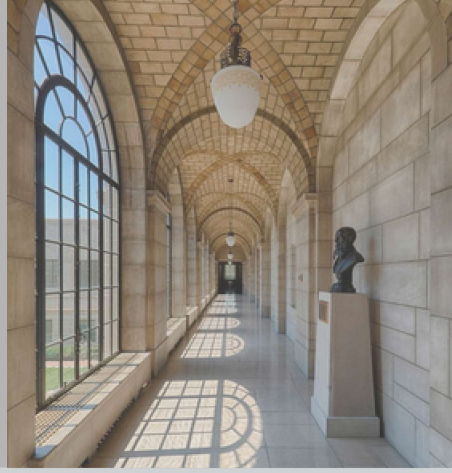
LD 22 Party Registration

Republican - 66%
Democrat - 16%
Nonpartisan - 16%



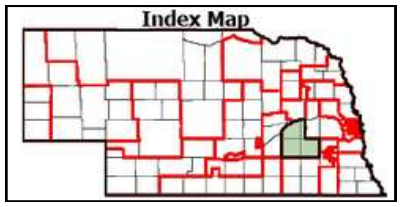
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 24

- York, Seward, Polk, and west Butler counties, including York and Seward



Senator Jana Hughes



- Republican
- Residence: Seward
- Born: August 7, 1971
- Occupation: Substitute teacher and exercise instructor
- Spouse: John
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $7,274
- Cash on Hand: $70,120

2022 General Election

Jana Hughes - 55%
Patrick Hotovy - 45%

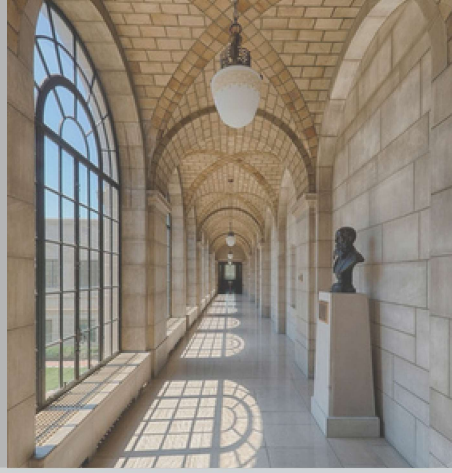
LD 24 Party Registration

Republican - 66%
Democrat - 15%
Nonpartisan - 17%



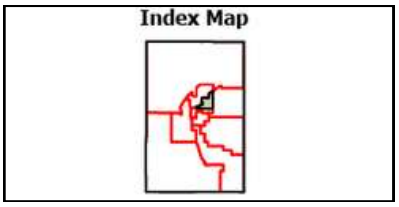
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 26

- North, central Lincoln, Lancaster county



Senator George Dungan



- Democrat
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: August 12, 1988
- Occupation: Attorney
- Partner: Britta Tollefsrud

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $20,846
- Cash on Hand: $221,901

2022 General Election

George Dungan - 51%
Russ Barger - 49%

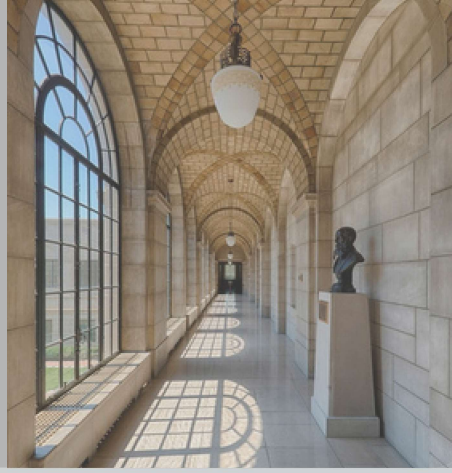
LD 26 Party Registration

Republican - 35%
Democrat - 36%
Nonpartisan - 26%



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2026 Candidate Overview



District 28 – (Currently Senator Jane Raybould—not seeking re-election)

- West, central Lincoln, Lancaster county

Index Map



Patty Pansing Brooks



- Democrat
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: September 30, 1958
- Occupation: Former attorney
- Spouse: Loel
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $42,119
- Cash on Hand: $109,646

2022 General Election

Jane Raybould - 66%
Roy Christensen - 34%

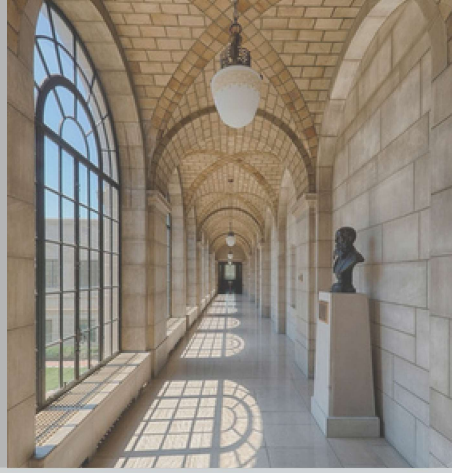
LD 28 Party Registration

Republican - 29%
Democrat - 43%
Nonpartisan - 25%



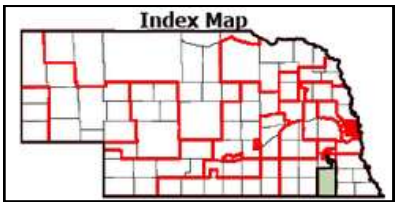
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 30 – (Currently Senator Myron Dorn—term limited)

- Gage and south, central Lancaster county, including parts of Lincoln



Cally Ideus



- Republican
- Residence: Filley
- Born: April 25, 1974
- Occupation: Veteran, small business owner
- Spouse: Jerod
- Children: 5

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $8,076
- Cash on Hand: $16,195

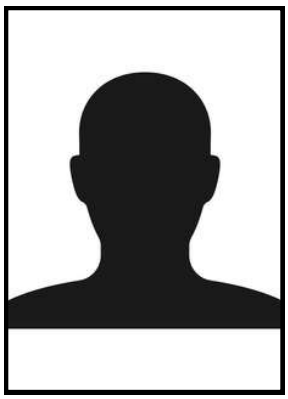
2022 General Election

Myron Dorn - Unopposed

LD 30 Party Registration

Republican - 53%
Democrat - 24%
Nonpartisan - 22%

Timothy Bentzinger



- Democrat
- Residence: Hickman

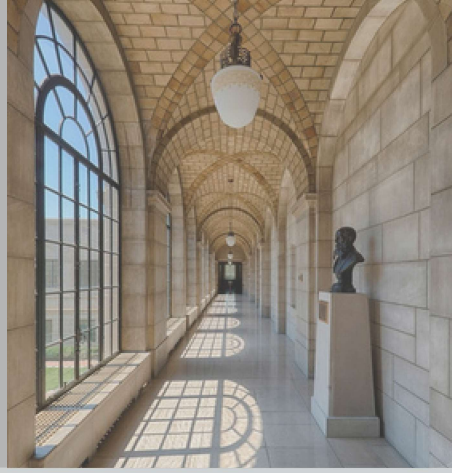
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed



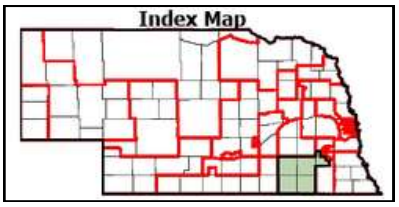
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 32 – (Currently Senator Tom Brandt—term limited)

- Fillmore, Thayer, Saline, Jefferson, and southeast Lancaster counties



Shay Smith



- Nonpartisan
- Residence: Crete
- Born: January 16, 1970
- Occupation: Attorney
- Spouse: Michael
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $8,075
- Cash on Hand: $54,775

Mark Schoenrock



- Republican
- Residence: Diller
- Born: September 29, 1956
- Occupation: Veteran and County Commissioner
- Spouse: Denise

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $9,138
- Cash on Hand: $34,131

2022 General Election

Tom Brandt
Unopposed

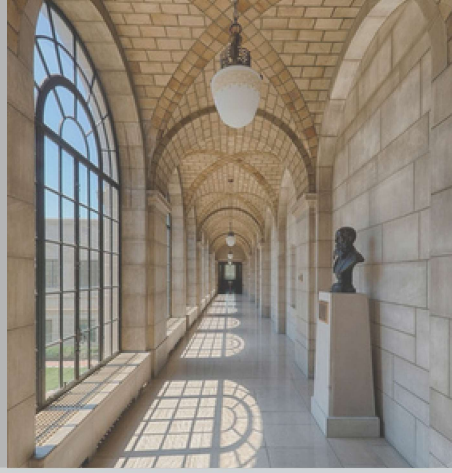
LD 32 Party Registration

Republican - 60%
Democrat - 20%
Nonpartisan - 18%



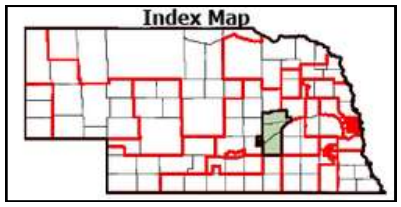
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 34

- Nance, Merrick, Hamilton and northeast Hall counties, including parts of Grand Island



Senator Loren Lippincott



- Republican
- Residence: Central City
- Born: March 20, 1955
- Occupation: Farmer
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $6,520
- Cash on Hand: $55,391

2022 General Election

Loren Lippincott - 68%
Michael Reimers - 32%

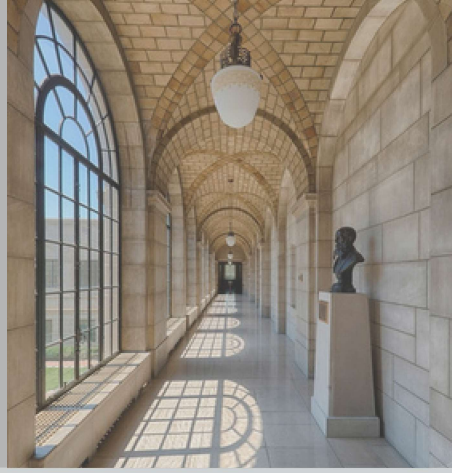
LD 34 Party Registration

Republican - 67%
Democrat - 15%
Nonpartisan - 16%



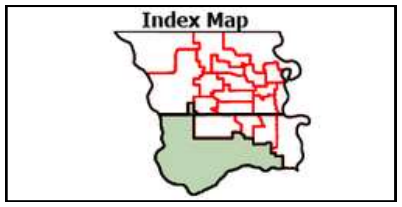
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 36

- Southwest Sarpy county, including Gretna and Papillion



Senator Rick Holdcroft



- Republican
- Residence: Bellevue
- Born: January 8, 1954
- Occupation: Retired U.S. naval officer and aerospace executive
- Spouse: Mary Jo Heinen
- Children: 5

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $22,268
- Cash on Hand: $72,493

2022 General Election

Rick Holdcroft - 56%
Angie Lauritsen - 44%

LD 36 Party Registration

Republican - 52%
Democrat - 21%
Nonpartisan - 26%

Darin Tompkins



- Democrat
- Residence: Papillion
- Born: May 15, 1969
- Occupation: Executive Director at Merck Animal Health
- Spouse: Elizabeth
- Children: 4

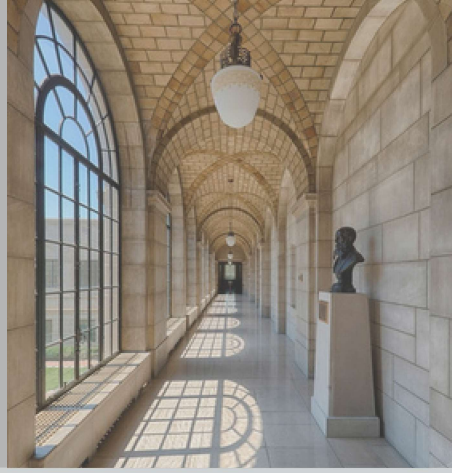
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $4,313
- Cash on Hand: $35,162



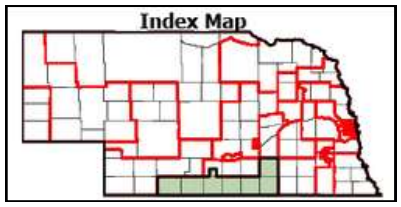
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 38 - (Currently Senator Dave Murman—term limited)

- Clay, Furnas, Franklin, Harlan, Nuckolls, Red Willow, Webster, and part of Phelps county, including Holdrege



Melanie Knight



- Democrat
- Residence: Clay Center
- Born: March 28, 1970

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

Tim Anderson



- Republican
- Residence: Sutton
- Born: February 9, 1983
- Occupation: Farmer
- Spouse: Lindsay
- Children: 5

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $17,224
- Cash on Hand: $16,408

2022 General Election

Dave Murman - 65%
Tyler Cappel - 35%

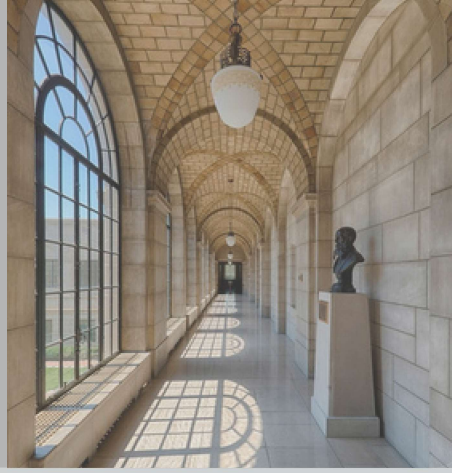
LD 38 Party Registration

Republican - 72%
Democrat - 12%
Nonpartisan - 15%



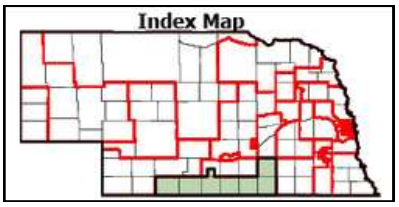
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 38 – (Currently Senator Dave Murman—term limited)

- Clay, Furnas, Franklin, Harlan, Nuckolls, Red Willow, Webster, and part of Phelps county, including Holdrege



Wes Wilmot



- Republican
- Residence: Beaver City
- Born: August 25, 1960
- Occupation: Farmer and cellular engineer
- Spouse: Kathy
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $1,352
- Cash on Hand: $12,181

Jon Capps



- Republican
- Residence: Blue Hill
- Born: June 1956
- Occupation: Farmer and entrepreneur
- Spouse: Lori

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $18,982
- Cash on Hand: $1,058

2022 General Election

Dave Murman - 65%
Tyler Cappel - 35%

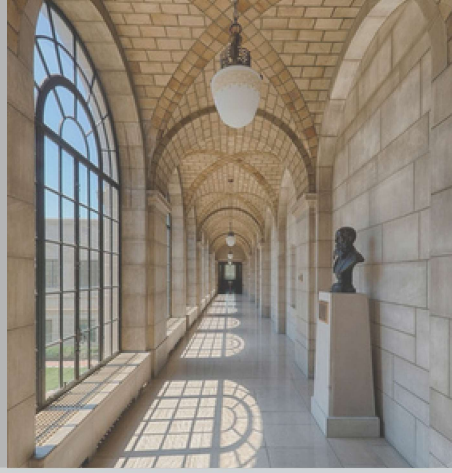
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Democrat - 12%
Nonpartisan - 15%



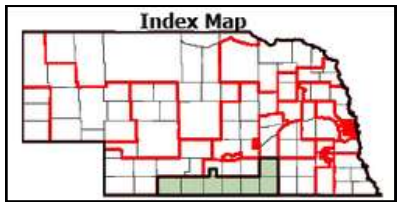
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 38 - (Currently Senator Dave Murman—term limited)

- Clay, Furnas, Franklin, Harlan, Nuckolls, Red Willow, Webster, and part of Phelps county, including Holdrege



Janell Anderson Ehrke



- Republican
- Residence: Orleans
- Born: February 26, 1963
- Occupation: Founder and CEO of GROW Nebraska
- Spouse: Leon

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2022 General Election

Dave Murman - 65%
Tyler Cappel - 35%

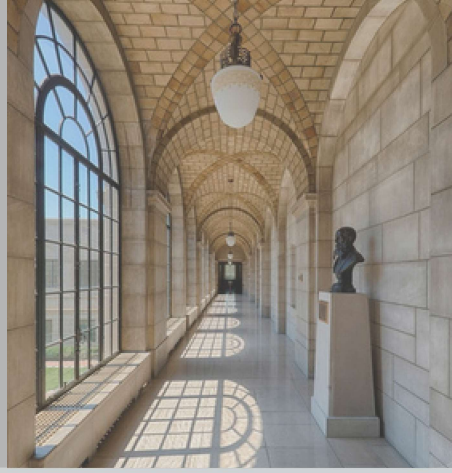
LD 38 Party Registration

Republican - 72%
Democrat - 12%
Nonpartisan - 15%



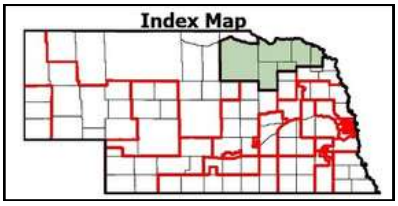
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 40

- Antelope, Cedar, Holt, Knox, and parts of Dixon and Pierce counties



Senator Barry DeKay



- Republican
- Residence: Niobrara
- Born: May 29, 1959
- Occupation: Farmer/Rancher
- Spouse: Brenda
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $22,669
- Cash on Hand: $75,687

2022 General Election

Barry DeKay - 59%
Keith F. Kube - 41%

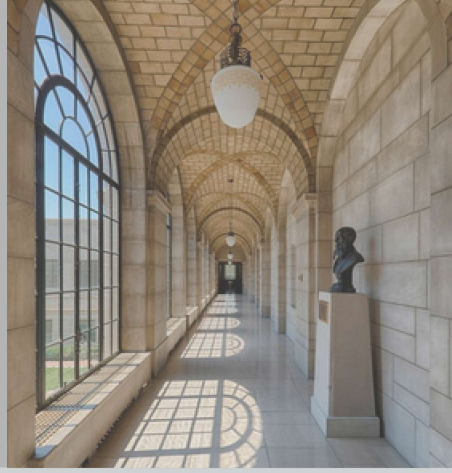
LD 40 Party Registration

Republican - 73%
Democrat - 13%
Nonpartisan - 13%



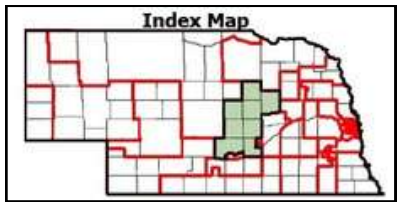
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 41 – (Currently Senator Fred Meyer appointed after McKeon resignation)

- Boone, Greeley, Howard, Sherman, Valley, Wheeler, and parts of Buffalo, and Hall counties



Jacob Sikes



- Republican
- Residence: Riverdale
- Born: February 14, 1977
- Occupation: Prosthetist

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed

2024 General Election

Dan McKeon - 52%
Ethan Clark - 48%

LD 41 Party Registration

Republican - 71%
Democrat - 15%
Nonpartisan - 13%

Joe Johnson



- Republican
- Residence: Kearney
- Born: October 27, 1977
- Occupation: Small Business Owner
- Spouse: Tara
- Children: 3

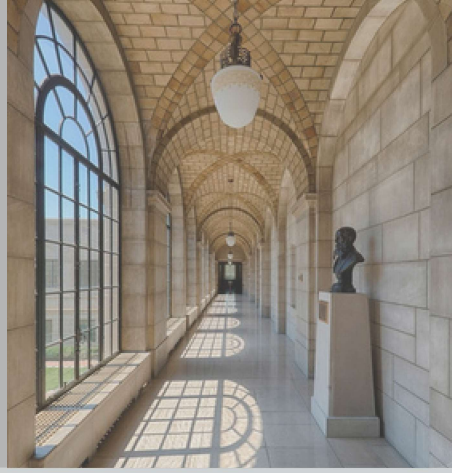
Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: None filed
- Cash on Hand: None filed



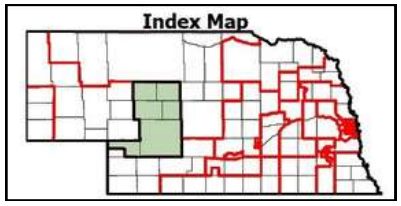
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 42

- Hooker, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, and Thomas counties, including North Platte



Senator Mike Jacobson



- Republican
- Residence: North Platte
- Born: November 26, 1953
- Occupation: Bank CEO/Farmer
- Spouse: Julie Bergmeier
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $6,719
- Cash on Hand: $161,067

2022 General Election

Mike Jacobson- 51%
Chris Bruns - 49%

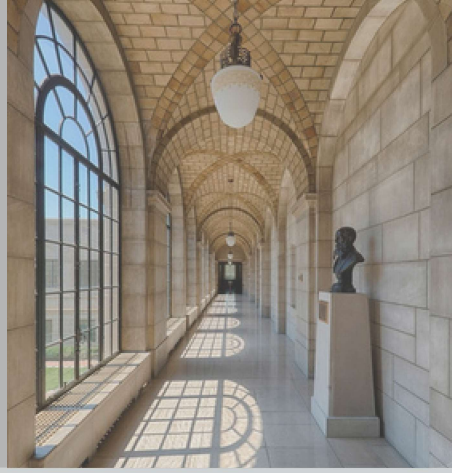
LD 42 Party Registration

Republican - 65%
Democrat - 16%
Nonpartisan - 18%



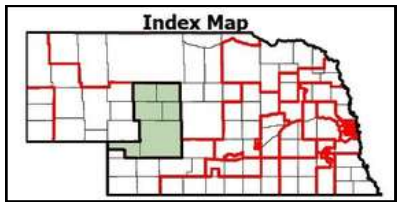
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 44

- Chase, Dawson, Dundy, Frontier, Gosper, Hayes, Hitchcock, and part of Perkins counties, including Lexington



Senator Teresa Ibach



- Republican
- Residence: Sumner
- Born: December 7, 1961
- Occupation: Farmer/Rancher
- Spouse: Greg
- Children: 3

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $6,877
- Cash on Hand: $114,519

2022 General Election

Teresa Ibach - unopposed

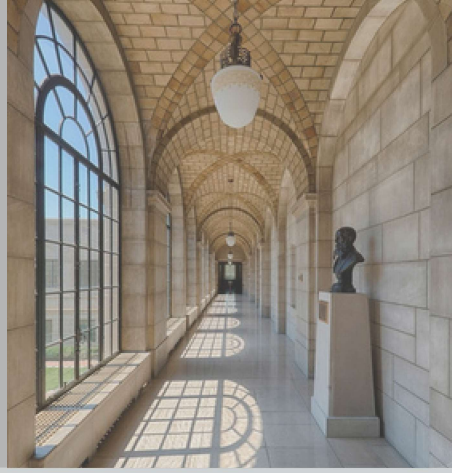
LD 44 Party Registration

Republican - 67%
Democrat - 18%
Nonpartisan - 15%



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2026 Candidate Overview



District 46

- East, north central Lincoln and parts of Lancaster County

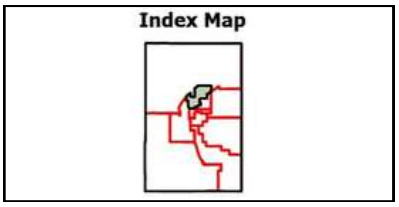


Senator Danielle Conrad

- Democrat
- Residence: Lincoln
- Born: August 5, 1977
- Occupation: Attorney
- Spouse: Thomas
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $9,024
- Cash on Hand: $230,791



2022 General Election

Danielle Conrad- 51%

James Michael Bowers - 49%

LD 46 Party Registration

Republican - 31%

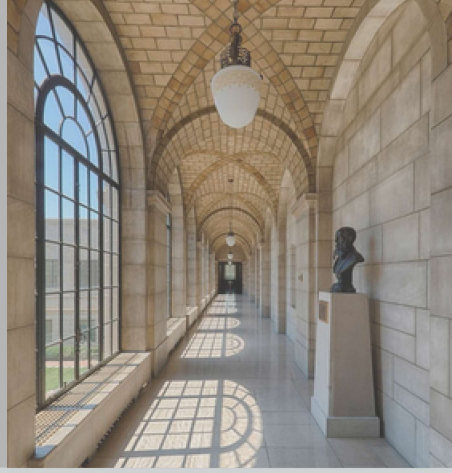
Democrat - 38%

Nonpartisan - 27%



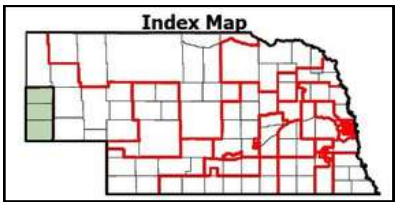
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2026 Candidate Overview



District 48

- Banner, Kimball, and Scotts Bluff counties, including Scottsbluff and Gering



Senator Brian Hardin



- Republican
- Residence: Gering
- Born: December 21, 1965
- Occupation: Business Consultant
- Spouse: Lili
- Children: 2

Campaign Finances as of December 31, 2025

- Campaign Expenditures: $12,632
- Cash on Hand: $52,808

2022 General Election

Brian Hardin - 52%
Don Lease II - 48%

LD 48 Party Registration

Republican - 59%
Democrat - 18%
Nonpartisan - 21%