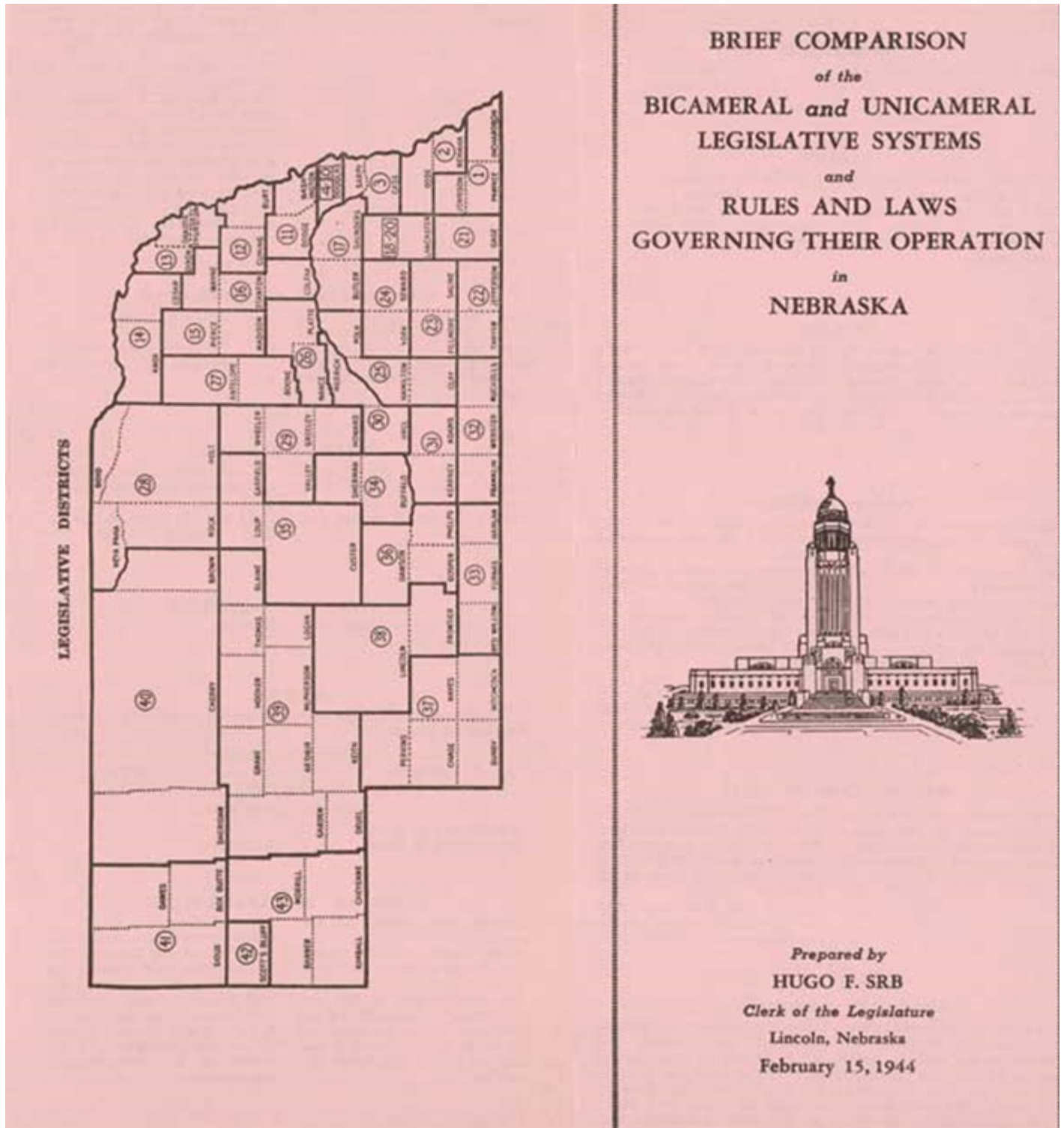


*Brief Comparison
of the
Bicameral and Unicameral
Legislative Systems
and
Rules and Laws
Governing their Operation
in Nebraska*

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NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE 1943			BICAMERAL	UNICAMERAL
			(Last regular session, 1935)	(Last regular session, 1943)
Roy W. Johnson	President			
Robert B. Crosby	Speaker			
MEMBERSHIP			MEMBERSHIP	
			Senate 33	House 100
			Political basis	43
				Nonpolitical basis
			SALARY	
			\$800.00 for regular biennial session and \$10.00 a day for actual attendance at special sessions, but not exceeding \$100.00 for a special session.	\$1,744.18 for biennium payable \$872.09 a year, with no additional salary for special sessions.
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BILL DRAFTERS AND REVIEWERS

One person employed who served as bill drafter and legal counsellor in the Senate in addition to counsel employed by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Bill drafter employed by Legislative Council.
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BILLS ON PASSAGE

Was possible under suspension of rules for a bill to be introduced and pass both houses in one legislative day.

No vote upon final passage can be taken until 5 legislative days after introduction, nor until bill has been on file for final reading at least one legislative day.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Appointed by presiding officer of each house. None.

JOURNAL

Ayes and nays of the members on any question entered on Journal on request of

(Under Constitution) 2 members 1 member

(Under Rules)

Committee of the Whole

5 members in Senate.

10 members in House.

Abolished.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Served only during the session.

After session paid a stated sum for preparation of permanent Legislative Journal.

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ADDITIONAL STATISTICS**(Bicameral Sessions)****(Unicameral Sessions)**

	Bills Introduced	Bills Passed		Bills Introduced	Bills Passed
1929	896	200	1937	561	214
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***COST**

1929 (85 days)	\$182,426.54	1937 (96 days)	\$103,445.38
1930 Special (11 days)	23,861.06	1939 (111 days)	100,678.33
1931 (89 days)	186,704.42	1940 Special (11 days) **	3,676.72
1931 Special (11 days)	26,746.05	1941 (99 days)	102,755.13
1933 (99 days)	173,023.98	1943 (103 days)	101,547.65
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1935 Special (24 days)	30,769.52		

SALARY OF MEMBERS

Biennium	\$106,400.00	Biennium	\$75,000.00
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