WHEREAS, Students have a constitutional right to register and vote in the place they truly consider “home”- whether that be on campus, their parent’s house, or elsewhere, and;

WHEREAS, Students who lived in Nebraska prior to attending school and who wish to establish or keep their Nebraska voting residency (i.e., at their parents’ address), should have no problem doing so unless they have already registered to vote in another state¹, and;

WHEREAS, Like most states, Nebraska allows students to keep their voting residency even if they move out of the county or state to attend school², and;

WHEREAS, Students can establish voting residency in Nebraska if they have a present intention to remain at their Nebraska school address for the time being, and they intend to make it their principal home³, and;

WHEREAS, Students who consider their school community their principal residence should not have a problem registering and voting⁴, and;

WHEREAS, the Nebraskans for Civic Reform estimate that roughly 14,500 students in the state of Nebraska have non-permanent addresses⁵, and;

WHEREAS, LB912’s current address requirement is a hindrance to high mobility populations⁶, and;

WHEREAS, under LB912, students who do not have a photo ID listing their current residence, regardless of whether it is permanent, or their voting address, would be unable to vote without first supplying a utility bill, pay stub, bank statement, or other government issued notice with their current address posted in the last 60 days prior to an election, and;

WHEREAS, voting is a constitutional right given the highest protection possible in Nebraska, and;

¹ Student Voters, Neb. Secretary of State, http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/studentvoters.html
³ Dunn v Blumstein, 405 U.S. 330, 300 (1972) Williams v Salerno, 792 F.2d 323, 328 (2d Cir. 1986)
⁵ This is a rough estimate that includes student populations at the other campuses in the university system and private institutions. Only considers students living in on campus housing.
⁶ The U.S. Census Bureau found that the populations with the highest mobility rate were those aged 18-24 (32.7% moved within the last year) and those aged 25-29 (30% moved once in the last year).
WHEREAS, traditionally, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska have opposed Voter ID bills that are proposed at the State Legislature, and;

WHEREAS, 2016 is a presidential election year, and there is very little time to appeal the passage of this bill if it should pass, disenfranchising anyone in our student body who will be moving into any University housing, apartment, house, or other residence next fall unless they obtain a new photo ID or government issued document mailed within the first two weeks of them moving into their new residence.

THEREFORE LET IT BE ENACTED THAT, ASUN denounces all proposed Voter ID bills due to the limits and restrictions it places upon students’ ability to vote, and;

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER ENACTED THAT, ASUN grants the Government Liaison Committee permission to lobby on behalf of the students of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln against LB912 and any other Voter ID bills introduced this session, and;

THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE ENACTED THAT, ASUN admonishes any persons, groups, or actions that would seek to limit the rights of the student population.

SUBMITTED BY President T. Chau DATE 1-25-16
FLOOR ACTION Adopted by Acclamation DATE 1-27-16
PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE (s) Pres. T. Chau DATE 2-09-16