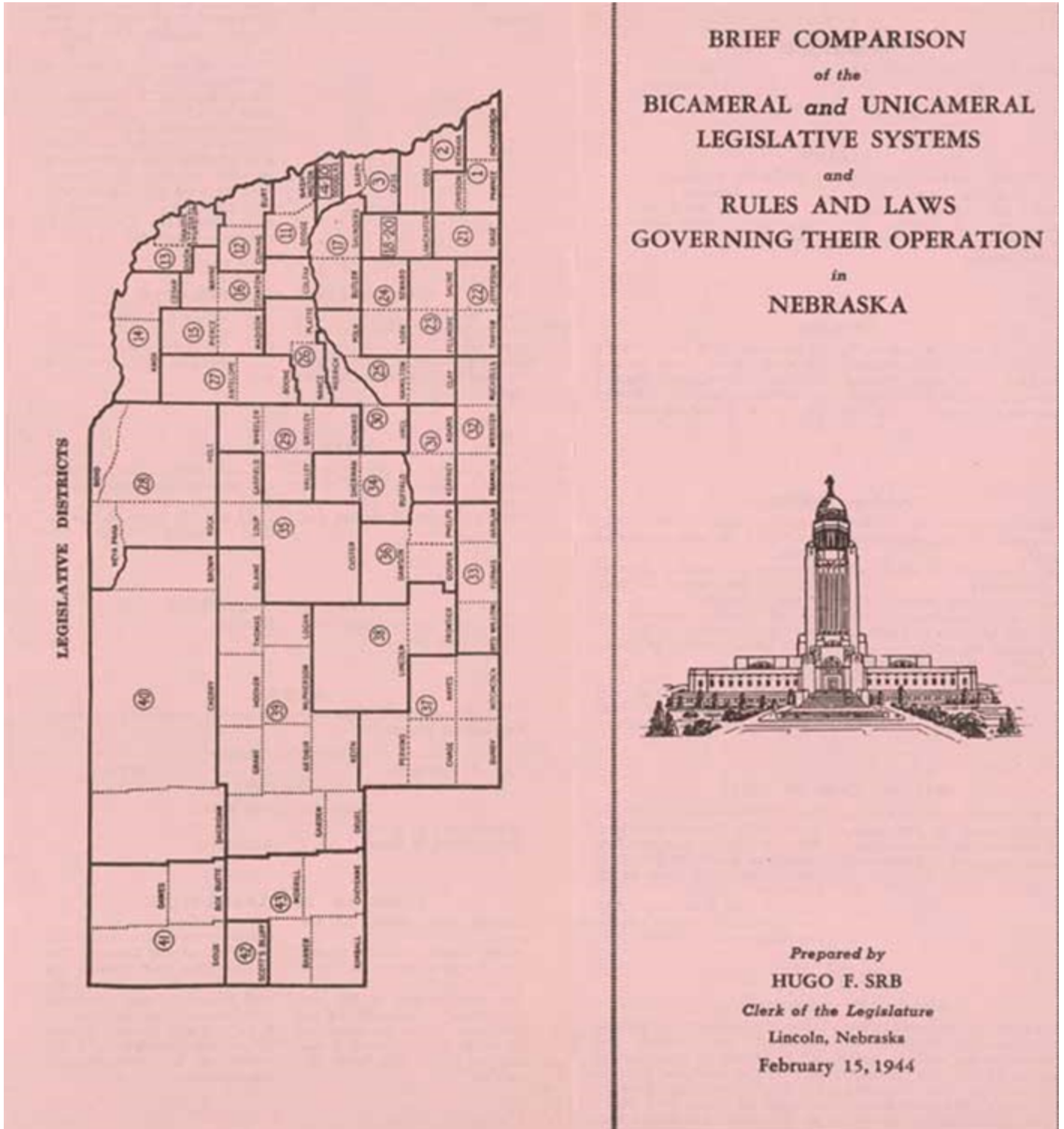


*Brief Comparison
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Bicameral and Unicameral
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and
Rules and Laws
Governing their Operation
in Nebraska*

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NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE 1943			BICAMERAL	UNICAMERAL
Roy W. Johnson	_____	President	(Last regular session, 1935)	(Last regular session, 1943)
Robert B. Crosby	_____	Speaker		
MEMBERSHIP			MEMBERSHIP	
Joseph C. Reavis	Falls City	1st Dist.	Senate 33	House 100
Frank Sorrell	Syracuse	2nd Dist.	Political basis	
Tom Dooley	Papillion	3rd Dist.	43	
William J. Norman	2865 Ames Ave., Omaha	4th Dist.	Nonpolitical basis	
Harry A. Foster	4918 Grant St., Omaha	5th Dist.		
Sam Klaver	204 Patterson Bldg., Omaha	6th Dist.		
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*Resigned, June 1, 1943.				
**Deceased, June 18, 1943.				
			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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One person employed who served as bill drafter and legal counsellor in the Senate in addition to counsel employed by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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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

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ESTABLISHED UNDER UNICAMERAL SYSTEM

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ADDITIONAL STATISTICS

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SALARY OF MEMBERS

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