Nebraska Secretary of State
Petition Sponsor Sworn Statement

Petition: Immunity from Prosecution for Stand your ground
(Brief description of petition for identification purposes)

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF Lancaster

I hereby swear that this is a complete list containing the names and street addresses of every person, corporation, or association sponsoring the aforementioned petition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 16th day of September, 2021.

Signature of Sponsor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 16th day of September, 2021.

(Printed name of sponsor appearing before Notary)

GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska
JENNIFER HAMMOND
My Comm. Exp. November 9, 2021

(SEAL)

Signature of Notary Public
Immunity from Prosecution for the use of Justifiable Force

The object of this petition is to allow immunity from criminal prosecution and civil action for justifiable use or threatened use of force.

Article I of the constitution of Nebraska shall be amended by adding a new section 35 as shown:

(1)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of this section, a person who uses or threatens to use force, as permitted by any law enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this section or at any time thereafter, is justified in such conduct and is immune from criminal prosecution and civil liability for such use or threatened use of such force.

(b) The immunity provided for in this subsection does not apply if:

(i) The person against whom force was used or threatened was a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his or her official duties; and

(ii) The officer identified himself or herself as a law enforcement officer in accordance with any applicable law or the person using or threatening to use force knew or reasonable should have known that the person was a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his or her official duties.

(c) For the purpose of this section, criminal prosecution includes arrest, detention or custody, the filing of charges, and prosecution.

(2) Once a claim of self-defense immunity from criminal prosecution has been determined, the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence is on any party seeking to overcome the immunity from criminal prosecution provided in subsection (1).

(3) The court shall award, at the expense of the plaintiff, reasonable attorney’s fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant is immune from prosecution as provided in subsection (1).

(4) This amendment becomes operative on January 18, 2023.
The object of this petition is to: (See reverse side for actual text of measure)

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To the Honorable Robert Evnen, Secretary of State for the State of Nebraska:

We, the undersigned residents of the State of Nebraska and the county of ________________, respectfully demand that the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be referred to the registered voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November 2022, and each for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition on the date opposite my name; I am a registered voter of the State of Nebraska and county of ______, and am qualified to sign this petition or I will be so registered and qualified on or before the date on which this petition is required to be filed with the Secretary of State; and my printed name, date of birth, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or post office address are correctly written after my signature.

WARNING TO PETITION SIGNERS—VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF LAW MAY RESULT IN THE FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES: Any person who signs any name other than his or her own to any petition or who is not qualified to sign the petition shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. Any person who falsely swears to a circulator’s affidavit on a petition, who accepts money or other things of value for signing a petition, or who offers money or other things of value in exchange for a signature upon any petition shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

__________________________, (name of circulator) being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he or she is the circulator of this petition containing ______ signatures, that he or she is at least eighteen years of age, that each person whose name appears on the petition personally signed the petition in the presence of the affiant, that the date to the left of each signature is the correct date on which the signature was affixed to the petition and that the date was personally affixed by the person signing such petition, that the affiant believes that each signer has written his or her name, street and number or voting precinct, and city, village, or post office address correctly, that the affiant believes that each signer was qualified to sign the petition, and that the affiant stated to each signer the object of the petition as printed on the petition before he or she affixed his or her signature to the petition.

Not more than twenty signatures on one sheet shall be counted. Nebraska Revised Statute §32-1409

STATE OF NEBRASKA ) ) ss
COUNTY OF ________________ )

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this ______ day of ___________, 20____ at ___________, Nebraska.

(Seal)

Notary Public
Proposed Constitutional Amendment Language:

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