

A Bill in the Nebraska Legislature Would Let Voters Decide if the Functions of the State Board of Education Will be Transferred to the Governor's Office—The Ohio Legislature Should Let Voters Decide.

A bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature to transfer the functions of the State Board of Education to the Governor's office is a bad idea for Nebraska. The same is true for Ohio.

HOWEVER, at least the legislature of Nebraska is dealing in good faith with the citizens. The Nebraska Constitution provides for a State Board of Education; hence, the citizens of Nebraska will be given an opportunity to decide if the state agency for education will be transferred to the Governor's office.

In 1953 Ohioans approved a Constitutional Amendment that established a State Board of Education; therefore the state responsibility for education was transferred from the Governor's office to the State Board. The Ohio Legislature has no right to transfer the state education agency duties and responsibilities to the Governor's office.

The argument that the State Board of Education will be kept in place—without any substantive duties—is bogus. Ohioans in 1953 didn't amend the Constitution to put in place a State Board of Education to perform some miniscule tasks or nothing at all. Those who want to transfer the state education agency to the Governor's office should have the integrity to submit the question to the citizens of Ohio.

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