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**(Neb.)- Neb. Lawmakers Pass Bill To Cut Early Voting Days**



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska lawmakers voted 33-8 to pass a measure that would leave register voters with fewer days to cast in-person early ballots.

On Thursday the Legislature gave final approval to the measure that would cut early voting days from 35 to 30 days.

Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh of Omaha introduced the bill because election officials say they need more time to program specialized voting machines used by visually impaired voters.

The 2002 Help America Vote Act requires specialized electronic voting machines to be available to assist voters with disabilities in casting their ballots privately. A Lincoln woman who is blind complained that the voting machines weren't ready when the early voting polls opened last year.