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Nebraska State Senator to Resign

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska state Sen. Jeremy Nordquist is resigning from the Legislature to take a job with Democratic U.S. Rep. Brad Ashford.

Nordquist announced Wednesday night that he will step down on June 30 from the seat he first won in 2008.

He will serve as Ashford's chief of staff in Washington. The two served together in the Legislature before Ashford left office due to term limits.

Nordquist was the lead sponsor this year of legislation to end Nebraska's ban on driver's licenses for youth brought to the country illegally as children but allowed to remain under the federal deferred-action program. He also was a leading figure in the 2014 ballot drive to increase the minimum wage.

Nordquist is in his seventh year in the Legislature, representing District 7 in south Omaha.

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