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Nebraska State Senator Resigns

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska state Sen. Jeremy Nordquist has submitted his resignation letter to the governor as he begins a new job with Democratic U.S. Rep. Brad Ashford.

Nordquist's final day in office is Tuesday. The lawmaker was first elected to the Legislature in 2008, representing part of downtown Omaha and the South Omaha district. He announced last month that he is moving to Washington to serve as Ashford's chief-of-staff.

Nordquist says he feels blessed to have served in the Legislature, and urged Gov. Pete Ricketts to appoint a replacement who shares the values of the district's residents. The appointee will serve the rest of Nordquist's term, which ends in January 2017.

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