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RE: email communication dated Oct. 20, 2015: No State Citizens

Dear Nebraska State Senator Morfeld,

I am writing in regards to an email dated Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 that appears to originate from your office. For your convenience, I have included a printed copy. Your email states that "Individual states do not have their own citizenship status, only residency for certain purposes, such as tuition, and registering to vote."

Nebraska entered the Union in 1867, which is about the time that the landmark decision Texas v White was decided which plainly stated that 'states are assumed to exist and assumed to have citizens of their own.'

I am writing to inquire the following of your office:

- Exactly what legislation or other authority reduced Nebraska to only having residents within its borders, and no longer capable of having citizens of its own?
- Did Nebraska ever have citizens of its own?
  - If this answer is yes, then please indicate who the last known Nebraskan recognized by the United States government as a state citizen. (The term 'Nebraskan' can be found as the proper term used to identify a native of Nebraska - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/GPO-STYLEMANUAL-2008/pdf/GPO-STYLEMANUAL-2008.pdf>)

Thank you for your service and prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely



On Oct 20, 2015, at 9:44 PM, Adam Morfeld<[amorfeld@leg.ne.gov](mailto:amorfeld@leg.ne.gov)> wrote:

Hi XXXXXXX,

Thanks for the email. I wish I was a Congressman, I would get paid a lot more!

You are a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Nebraska. Individual states do not have their own citizenship status, only residency for certain purposes, such as tuition, and registering to vote.

Different privileges are afforded to residents of the state by virtue of being a resident, have different requirements. For instance, for purposes of voting, once you have legal "domicile" so presence in the state, you can register to vote (so some kind of meaningful presence you would call a home), but for purposes of in state tuition, they have much more strict residency requirements.

If you leave the state and do not meet certain requirements you can lose certain privileges such as in state tuition.

Long story short, you cannot be a citizen of a state. You can only be a citizen of the United States, and a resident of a state.

Hope this helps!

Best,

Adam

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