

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1107

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2016

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1107 would establish the Nebraska Election System Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to bring together stakeholders in the election process to discuss and recommend future approaches to the casting and counting of ballots in Nebraska.

As the election equipment currently in use in Nebraska is aging and will eventually need to be replaced, it is an appropriate time to discuss not only the current voting process used in Nebraska, but also other potential approaches to the casting and counting of ballots as the equipment available and necessary will vary depending on the process used.

LB 1107 would bring together the Secretary of State, the Chairs of the Legislature's Government and Appropriation Committees, local election officials from both large and small counties, members of the disabled community and minority communities, and political parties among others to examine any changes to the voting process that might be advantageous.

Under the proposal the initiative members would meet beginning in 2017 and issue a report by the end of 2017. Members would be reimbursed for their expenses.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tommy Garrett