



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 289

Chairperson: Ray Aguilar
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 2, 2007

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

LB 289 is intended to protect the secrecy of the ballot at public meetings held for the purpose of voting to exceed property tax levies limited by statute or allocated by the county board.

The bill would amend §77-3444(4), which deals with property tax levies. The section authorizes some political subdivisions and villages to hold public meetings to vote on exceeding levy limits. However, it does not specify that the method of voting shall protect the secrecy of the ballot. Article VI, Section 6 of the Nebraska Constitution provides that "All votes shall be by ballot or by other means authorized by the Legislature whereby the vote and the secrecy of the elector's vote will be preserved."

Political subdivisions authorized to hold public meetings to exceed levies are those political subdivisions subject to §77-3443, and villages.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator LeRoy J. Loudon