

## Chairperson:Ray AguilarCommittee:Government, Military and Veterans AffairsDate of Hearing:March 1, 2007

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

LB 646 accomplishes two purposes.

- 1) At the discretion of the election commissioner or county clerk, the counting board may begin counting early ballots no earlier than twenty-four hours prior to the opening of the polls on the day of the election; and,
- 2) The election commissioner or county clerk shall develop a procedure for picking up and counting ballots during election day.

Statutes prohibiting the release of election results prior to the closing of polls on election day will remain intact.

**Principal Introducer:** 

**Senator John Nelson**