



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 858

Chairperson: Ray Aguilar
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 7, 2008

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

The purpose of LB 858 is to amend current recall provisions to exclude political subdivisions that elect their officials at annual meetings from the recall process. The bill also removes irrigation districts from the list of political subdivisions mentioned in the statute that are subject to recall, as their officials are elected at an annual meeting. Furthermore, irrigation district voting is based on property ownership whereas recall procedures are based on registered voters.

Oftentimes there aren't detailed records of the vote count from elections taken at annual meetings. Since signature thresholds are based on percentage of votes cast at the previous election, it would be difficult or impossible to determine an accurate threshold for the number of signatures required to initiate a recall election.

Principal Introducer:

Senator L. Patrick Engel