

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1059

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 10, 2010
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Provide for digital and electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Sullivan
Nay:	1	Senator Giese
Absent:	1	Senator Pahls
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Bill Avery
Paul Schumacher

Representing:
Introducer
Self

Opponents:
Neal Erickson
Michael Kelsey
Brian Mikkelsen
Lynn Rex

Representing:
Secretary of State
Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska State Education Association
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1059 requires the Secretary of State to design a system to allow electors to use digital or electronic signatures to sign initiatives and referendum petitions via the Internet. The sponsors of the petition may decide whether to use the Internet.

The petition form used via the Internet will comply with current sections regarding the form of initiative and referendum petitions. There will be no circulators for petitions via the Internet.

The elector will be able to view the petition, affix his or her digital or electronic signature, complete the required information, and return the petition electronically to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will provide a method of determining the validity of signatures affixed digitally or electronically.

For purposes of preventing fraud, deception and misrepresentation, every petition will have upon it a statement warning petition signer of potential criminal charges for violations of various provisions.

The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement these provisions.

Bill Avery, Chairperson