

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB951

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 27, 2010
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Change provisions relating to early voting at elections

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Sullivan
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Pahls
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery
John Gale
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

Representing:

Introducer
Secretary of State
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 951 implements the requirements of the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act.

The bill provides that members of the armed forces, overseas citizens and persons residing outside the country may indicate a preference for ballots and other election materials to be delivered via facsimile transmission or electronic mail by indicating such preference on the Federal Post Card Application. If the person indicates such a preference, the county election official will accommodate the voter's preference.

Also, the Secretary of State will develop a process for members of the armed forces, persons living outside the country and overseas citizens casting a ballot to check the status of their ballot via the Internet or a toll-free telephone call.

The bill streamlines and reorganizes the current provisions in law dealing with ballots for members of the armed forces and overseas citizens. As part of this process, section 32-939.01 dealing with persons residing outside the country is outright repealed because its provisions are included in other sections of the bill.
