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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1059

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 1059 is to allow people to sign initiative and referendum petitions via the Internet.

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 signers 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.

Principal Introducer:

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