



One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 951**

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**Chairperson:** Bill Avery  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** January 27, 2010

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

LB 951 implements the requirements of the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act which was passed into law in October 2009.

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 As part of this process, section 32-939.01 dealing with persons residing outside the country is outright repealed because its provisions are included in other sections of the bill.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Bill Avery**