

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB759

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2012
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Require petition sponsors to provide identification for petition circulators and change petition circulation requirements

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Bill Avery	Introducer
Neal Erickson	Secretary of State

Opponents:	Representing:
Kent Bernbeck	Self

Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 759 includes two provisions relating to petition circulators. The first provision removes the requirement that persons who circulate petitions be electors of the state, and replaces it with the requirement the circulator be 18 years or age or older. The provision requiring circulators to be residents, which is included in the definition of elector, was recently held to be unconstitutional.

The second provision of the bill requires the sponsor or principal circulator of a petition to provide each circulator with identification that will contain a unique number to that petition circulator. The identification will not contain the name or other personal information of the petition circulator.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment removes all provisions requiring the sponsor or principal circulator of a petition to provide identification to petition circulators.

With the amendment, the only provision remaining in the bill is the one that requires petition circulators be 18 years of age or older.

Bill Avery, Chairperson