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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB239

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2011

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

LB 239 would require persons casting ballots to provide government-issued photographic identification before voting.

Voters casting ballots by mail shall not be required to provide government-issued photographic identification unless it is their first time voting.

A person who does not present identification at the polls is permitted to cast a provisional ballot. He or she then has ten days to submit government-issued photographic identification to the election commissioner in order for the ballot to be counted.

Exemptions are provided for residents of nursing homes, voters who have religious objections to being photographed, and persons who sign a statement that they are indigent and unable to obtain government-issued photographic identification.

The Department of Motor Vehicles would offer a state identification card at no cost to voters who wish to obtain photographic identification if they indicate they are indigent. The card would only be used for purposes of voting.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Charlie Janssen