

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB344**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

#### **Date of Hearing:**

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

LB 344 would amend sections 13-2801 and 13-2810 as follows:

It would provide a process for merger or consolidation by governmental subdivisions in counties which contain a city of the metropolitan class and that an interjurisdictional planning commission shall be created to review and plan for the merger of governmental services within such counties.

The Planning Commission shall have nine members. Three members would be selected by the Mayor; Two members selected by the City Council; Two members selected by the County Board; and two members selected by other municipalities within the county containing the city of the metropolitan class.

A plan shall be developed and approved by the commission by July 1, 2012.

Meetings of the Commission are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Planning Commission would study tax and spending implications of a merging governmental services; quality and cost of services; develop recommendations regarding continuation or elimination of such offices; and effects of a plan of merger approved by the voters.

LB 344 shall change the public vote provisions for a city county merger

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Brad Ashford