

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB499

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2011

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

The purpose of LB 499 is to make several minor changes to the Election Act to address issues that have been raised in the past few elections cycles. These changes include:

- 1/ A prohibition on elected officials running for the same office while they are middle of a term for the same office. This practice is sometimes called "log rolling".
- 2/ Requires a candidate petitioning on the ballot to file a sample copy of the petition with the filing officer prior to circulating.
- 3/ Requiring signatures on a petition to be from one county.
- 4/ Require petitions to be submitted as one document.
- 5/ Require affidavits to remove a person's name from a petition to be submitted by the time the petition is submitted for verification.
- 6/ Change provisions regarding military voters to include absent voters in addition to overseas voters.
- 7/ Harmonizes a deadline regarding registration between two statute sections.
- 8/ Clarifies that a voter present in the county on election day shall vote at his or her assigned polling site.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Scott Price