

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB241

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2013

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

LB 241 allows voters to change the election of county offices from partisan to nonpartisan in counties of 10,000 or less. There are two methods: 1. the county board may adopt a resolution requiring submission of the question to voters or; 2. registered voters may file a petition with the county clerk requesting submission of the question to voters. The petition must be signed by at least 5% of registered voters in the county at the preceding statewide general election as verified by the county clerk.

The question will be on the ballot at the first statewide general election held at least sixty days after adoption of the resolution or verification of signatures. If voters approve the ballot question, county offices will be elected on a nonpartisan ballot in subsequent elections.

The same two methods may be used to submit the question to the voters to change election of county offices from a nonpartisan ballot to a partisan ballot.

The question may not be submitted to the voters more than once every three years.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Sullivan