

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

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

### **LR411CA**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 21, 2014**

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

LR 411CA proposes to submit to the voters at the general election in November 2014 an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution to grant authority to municipalities and counties the power, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, to determine their own local affairs and government. The Legislature would determine which matters are those of statewide concern.

The amendment provides that the Legislature may by law delegate its power so that matters of local concern are handled by municipalities and counties without the necessity of further action by the Legislature. The amendment specifically says that the rule or proposition of law that a municipality or county possesses and can exercise only those powers granted in express words is not part of the law of this state.

This amendment would allow the Legislature, rather than the courts, to determine which matters are of statewide concern and would allow the Legislature to delegate matters of local concern to municipalities and counties.

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

**Senator Russ Karpisek**