

**Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB135**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

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

**Date of Hearing: January 21, 2015**

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

LB 135 addresses the issue of vacancies on township boards that still retain this form of county government. Under this bill, if two or more vacancies exist on a township board and the county board has made a reasonable attempt to fill the vacancies, LB 135 establishes a procedure for termination of the township board.

Townships have levy authority and LB 135 allows for a county board to access township funds if they have been unsuccessful in filling vacancies. The bill also allows the county board to continue levying a tax on the taxable property located in the township and pay future obligations of the township until such time as the township board may become reactivated.

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

**Senator Jerry Johnson**