

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB197

Chairperson: Senator Sue Crawford

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2015

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

LB 197 would provide additional powers for certain sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs), subject to municipal approval. The additional powers outlined in LB 197 would apply when an SID is too close to a municipality to incorporate, yet too far away from a municipality to be annexed.

In order to have the additional powers as provided in the bill, the SID would have to be: “(i) located in a county with a population greater than five thousand and less than eight thousand inhabitants, (ii) located in a county different from the county of the municipality within whose zoning jurisdiction such sanitary and improvement district is located, (iii) unable to incorporate due to its close proximity to a municipality, and (iv) unable to be annexed by a municipality with zoning jurisdiction because the sanitary and improvement district is not adjacent or contiguous to such municipality.”

Any SID that meets these requirements would have the following additional powers, subject to the approval and restrictions established by a city council or village board within whose zoning jurisdiction the SID is located. Such SID would have the power to: regulate and provide for streets and sidewalks, including the removal of obstructions and encroachments, regulate parking on public roads and rights of way relating to snow removal and access by emergency vehicles, and regulate the parking of abandoned motor vehicles, amongst other powers.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Scheer