

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB308

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2015

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

LB 308 provides for voter preregistration of certain youth who are 16 and 17 years of age. Allowing young people to preregister to vote will involve them in the democratic process and state and local government.

LB 308 would help to create an informed electorate and as young people who preregister may be more likely to become informed before they are old enough to vote. We have a responsibility to the young people in our state to prepare them for adulthood. Part of this preparation includes teaching young people about their rights and how to exercise those rights responsibly. In Nebraska we have already placed a value on these concepts as we allow 17 year olds to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the time of the general election.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Kolowski