

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB319

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2015

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

LB 319 would make two changes with respect to elections by mail.

The first provision expands the number of counties that may request a precinct's elections be conducted via mail. Current statutes allow counties with a population of less than 10,000 to apply to have certain precincts eliminate the polling site and conduct elections via mail. The bill would allow any county to make an application to the Secretary of State to designate a by mail precinct.

The second provision of LB 319 would expand special election by mail provisions to include additional types of elections. Current law limits elections by mail to special elections on issues. LB 319 would permit special elections involving candidates as well.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith