

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB403

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2015

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

Currently, counties with less than 10,000 inhabitants can apply to the Secretary of State for approval to perform elections by mail in one or more precincts in the county. LB403 directs that, if the county applies to perform elections by mail in less than all precincts in the county, the mailed ballots will include only races for federal offices, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, and Attorney General, as well as ballot questions. In this situation, polling places will be established for all precincts, and in the mail precincts separate ballots will be provided at the polling places for the offices not included on the mail ballots.

The intent of LB403 is to address the potential disadvantage to local or county candidates that reside in non-mail voting precincts in counties under 10,000, due to a higher percentage of voter turnout in mail-voting precincts.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Al Davis