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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB491

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 491 creates an Election Day Voter Registration Pilot Project beginning Oct 1, 2015 and ending January 1, 2019.

A county **may** participate in the pilot project if the election commissioner or county clerk submits an application to the Secretary of State and it is approved.

An elector wishing to register and vote on Election Day must provide documentation to verify electors identity and address. Valid documents include proof of residence which means a copy of a photo identification which is current and valid or a copy of two of the following: a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that is current and that shows the name and address of the elector as they appear on the application. The elector may register to vote and vote at the office of the election commissioner or county clerk or at a location designated by him or her.

The Secretary of State and each county that is approved by the Secretary of State shall report to the Election Day Registration Pilot Program Task Force on or before September 30 of each year that the pilot project is in effect, regarding: the implementation of the pilot project; the number of ballots cast by voters who registered on election day; any difficulties resulting from the pilot project; and, whether the state would benefit from implementing statewide election day voter registration.

The Election Day Registration Pilot Program Task Force shall consist of the Secretary of State, three members of the Legislature appointed by the Speaker of the Legislature; two election commissioners from counties with a population of 100,000 or more and two election commissioners or county clerks from counties with a population of less than one hundred thousand.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Adam Morfeld

