

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB646

Chairman: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2015

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

Legislative Bill 646 amends Section 84-1413 of the Open Meetings Act by striking subsection (3), which currently allows a public body to elect leadership within the public body by secret ballot.

Striking subsection (3) in Section 84-1413 improves transparency within government bodies, by allowing voters to see all the votes their government leaders are casting. Leadership within public bodies can influence what issues are addressed and which ones are not, or how an issue is addressed and the level of scrutiny, thoroughness, or time put toward a particular issue.

Leadership votes are just as important as any other votes within a public body and should be available to the electorate to hold elected officials to their campaign promises and public statements.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bill Kintner