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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2018

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

LB 959 makes changes to the process of returning an absentee ballot on behalf of another voter.

If the person returning the ballot does not live in the same household as the voter, the bill places a legal burden on the person returning the ballot to do so within a certain timeframe. For most situations, this timeframe is one business day. However, if the voter lives in a county that provides for 24 hour drop off of ballots, the ballot must be returned on the same calendar day it was received from the voter. A person who fails to return the ballot within the timeframe is guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

Principal Introducer:	
	Senator John Murante