

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB224

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2021

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

LB 224 amends section 23-1901.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020 to change certain provisions relating to appointment of a county surveyor in certain counties as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Currently, section 23-1901.01 stipulates that in counties with less than 150,000 inhabitants, should a county surveyor not be elected and qualified, the county board must appoint a qualified county surveyor who does not reside within the county. This forces counties to begin the lengthy process of identifying and recruiting a registered surveyor from outside of the county, who, in rural areas of the state, may reside a significant distance away. This needed talent search stands to pose logistical and financial challenges to counties who might have otherwise qualified surveyors within their boundaries.

LB224 would remove the stipulation that an individual appointed to the office of County Surveyor, when one is not elected and qualified, must reside outside of the county appointing them. LB 224 would expand the talent options available to counties needing to appoint a surveyor by permitting in-county surveyors to be considered, ensuring that counties are able to appoint the individual best able to serve the needs of the county.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Raymond Aguilar