

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB514

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2021

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

This bill clarifies and streamlines the process for forming a new political party in Nebraska, making requirements clearer for potential sponsors and modestly increasing the time afforded to the Secretary of State's office to carry out its related duties. This bill would require that all petition signatures and associated documents be submitted together for verification at one time. The bill also provides that petition signatures would become invalid if not submitted to the Secretary of State by July 15th in a year of a statewide general election. The bill increases from 10 days to 20 days the time authorized for the Secretary of State's signature verification after submission by the sponsor or sponsors, and moves up by two weeks the deadlines for filing the petition in order for the party to be included in a primary or general election.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brewer