



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 348**

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**Chairperson:** Ray Aguilar  
**Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 21, 2007

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

LB 348 clarifies how a county under a township/supervisor form of government transitions to a commissioner form of government. Under LB 348, the voters of the county must first approve any measure discontinuing the township system, either through the petition process or when a county board resolution places the issue on the ballot for the next general election. The petition or county board resolution must specify whether the county will have five or seven commissioners in the event that the measure is successful.

If the voters vote to discontinue the township form of government and the petition or resolution calls for a seven member board of commissioners, then the commissioner districts shall be the same as the supervisor districts and all supervisors who have unexpired terms shall continue in office.

If the voters vote to discontinue the township form of government and the petition or resolution calls for a five member board of commissioners, then the county clerk, county treasurer, and county attorney shall meet after the election and redistrict the county into five commissioner districts.

The new commissioner districts, whether five or seven, shall not become effective until two years after the general election in which the voters vote to discontinue the township system. This is done to allow those supervisors who were elected two years prior to such election to finish his or her four year term before any redistricting occurs.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Carroll Burling**