

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB418**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 27, 2013**

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

LB 418 gives additional powers and duties to the chief deputy election commissioner in counties having a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants. This allows the chief deputy election commissioner to act as a check on the powers and duties of the election commissioner.

LB 418 provides the chief deputy election commissioner the following powers and duties:

1. Additional oversight of appointments and their training.
2. Additional oversight of the creation and management of precincts and polling locations.

If the election commissioner and chief deputy election commissioner do not agree with respect to their decision on the duties listed above, both parties shall forward a report of the specific disagreement to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall then make a determination with respect to such action.\*

LB 418 also clarifies that the chief deputy election commissioner's refusal to agree with the election commissioner regarding their powers and duties shall not constitute grounds for removal of the chief deputy election commissioner.

\*The original draft of LB 418 designates the role of arbitration to the county boards. An amendment has been drafted that designates the role of arbitration to the Secretary of State.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Rick Kolowski**

