

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB662

Chairman: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2014

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

Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Secretary of State, LB 662 seeks to increase the integrity of the election process by addressing two areas that are at higher risk for potential fraud. The bill would accomplish this by proposing changes, both new and to existing statutes regarding voter identification.

LB 662 would amend current identification requirements for first time voters that registered by mail. Current law lists several forms of identification including utility bills and bank statements. As these types of documents are more easily altered or forged, LB 662 would eliminate such items as appropriate identification for first time voters that register by mail. Various forms of government identification documents from federal, state, or local agencies containing the applicant's name and address would still be allowed under LB 662.

The proposed legislation also creates a new identification requirement for those voters where the election officials have received information that the voter has moved, the voter has been sent a postage paid notice to confirm the information, the voter has failed to respond to the notice, and the voter appears at their previous assigned polling site to cast a ballot. The identification required would be a current government identification document that contains a photograph or image of the voter.

Principal Introducer: _____

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