

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB742

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2014

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

LB 742 requires the use of Instant Runoff, or Rank Choice Voting for state-wide Nebraska Primary elections for partisan offices in which there is more than one candidate on the ballot. LB 742 would provide that voters shall be allowed to rank the candidates in order of his or her preference.

Counting boards shall determine if a candidate has received more than one-half of the votes cast for the nomination. If a candidate has received more than one-half of the total votes cast, such candidate shall received the nomination and be placed on the ballot for the general election.

If the no candidates receives more than one-half, the ballots cast for the candidate who had the fewest votes shall be candidate who ranked second on such ballots. The process shall continue for candidates with the next fewest votes until there is a majority winner.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Murante