

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB46

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2013

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

LB 46 requires counties with cities of the metropolitan class to consolidate public crime lab services by a vote of the registered voters of the county. *(Currently, Douglas County is the only county that this act is applicable to.)*

LB 46 would require the applicable county and city of the metropolitan class to appoint a planning board within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

The planning board created under this section shall consist of the following members:

- A forensic toxicologist;
- An expert in forensic DNA;
- A criminologist;
- An individual with experience in law enforcement and crime scene investigation; and
- A medical ethicist.

The planning board is required to study the issues relating to the consolidation and coordination of the public crime laboratory services of the county and city and they shall develop a plan for consolidation and coordination of those laboratory services. The plan developed by the planning board must contain the creation of an independent governing whose members shall have the same expertise as required of the members of the planning board listed above.

The county board shall require the plan for consolidation and coordination of public crime laboratory services developed by the planning board to be placed on the next statewide primary or general election ballot of the registered voters of the county. If a majority of the registered voters in the county vote for the plan, the plan shall be implemented six months after the election.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Brad Ashford