

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB561

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2015

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

LB 561 is intended to update the laws governing the election procedures provided for irrigation districts organized and governed by the provisions of Chapter 46, Article 1.

- LB 561 will provide specific statutory language to allow recognition of modern land ownership choices used today thus granting the “electors” of irrigation districts the appropriate rights to vote in matters for which the irrigation districts laws provide for elections. Governance of irrigation districts is provided exclusively within Chapter 46, Article 1 and has not been modernized in decades.
- LB561 will also provide that irrigation districts may, at their discretion, provide for the conduct of elections in an irrigation district by the use of mail balloting to make such elections more convenient for electors and encourage greater participation in such irrigation district voting.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Stinner