

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

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

### **LB541**

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**Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders**

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

**Date of Hearing: March 05, 2025**

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

LB 541 seeks to more closely honor the intent of Nebraska voters who approved a voter ID law in 2022 by assuring that valid photo IDs are associated with each registered voter. It also secures Nebraska elections by reverting to the previously observed form of absentee voting, in which the voter attests to being unable to vote in person on a given election day. Additionally, it adds security features to official ballots, expands the number of ballots that are hand-counted, sets parameters for the approval of vote tabulating machines, and enhances the security of ballot drop boxes.

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

**Senator Rick Holdcroft**