

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1035

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 01, 2012
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Provide for automatic nomination of airport authority board members as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Sullivan, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Kate Sullivan Neal Erickson	Representing: Introducer Secretary of State
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1035 adds airport authority board members to the list of candidates whose names do not appear on the primary election ballot and are automatically nominated candidates for the general election. This "automatic advancement" occurs if there are not more than two candidates for each position to be filled.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment contains the provisions of two bills, LB 757 and LB 966.

LB 757:

The provisions of LB 757 change the requirements of placing a candidate for a partisan office on the primary election ballot or filing as a partisan candidate.

No person is allowed to be placed on the primary ballot of a political party unless he or she is a registered voter of the party and at one of the two immediately preceding statewide general elections: a) a candidate nominated by the political party polled at least 5% of the entire vote in a statewide race or b) by a combination of candidates for a combination of districts that encompass the entire state, polled at least 5% of the vote in each of their respective districts.

The allowance of county, city and district parties is eliminated. Also eliminated is section 32-718 dealing with new political parties for congressional districts, counties or cities.

LB 966:

The provisions of LB 966 require the county canvassing board to provide a record of the correct returns in all precincts to the election commissioner or county clerk either in a ledger or by using a computer printout. Current law only provides for entering the returns into a permanent ledger.

Bill Avery, Chairperson