

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015

COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)

LB111

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 23, 2015  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Larson  
**One Liner:** Require identification to vote

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Larson, McCoy, Murante  
**Nay:** 1 Senator Hansen  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tyson Larson  
Kris Kobach  
Douglas Kagan  
Marty Brown  
Paul Meyer  
Kathy Wilmot  
Jim Nipper  
Jeffrey Rue  
Paul Von Behren  
Brian McAllister  
Amber Parker

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Kansas Secretary of State  
Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
Build Nebraska  
Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
Nebraska Eagle Forum  
Self  
Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

Gwendolen Hines  
Jeannette Jones-Vazansky

Joseph Gruber  
Bri McLarty  
Sherry Miller  
Peggy Adair  
Erin Cooper

**Representing:**

Self  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Lincoln Alumnae Chapter  
Self  
Nebraskans for Civic Reform  
League of Women Voters of Nebraska  
League of Women Voters of Greater Omaha  
Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN)  
Self  
Latino American Commission  
Common Cause Nebraska  
Self  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Lincoln Branch

Vickie Young

National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
People - Omaha Branch

Katie Pitts

Nebraska Appleseed

Preston Love, Jr.

North Omaha Voter Project

Jan Gradwohl

Self

Rheta Johnson

Self

Mary Spurgeon

Self

Amy Miller

ACLU of Nebraska

**Neutral:**

Beth Bazyn Ferrell

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of County Officials

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 111 would require voters casting ballots to provide a government-issued photographic identification (such as a driver's license or a state ID card) before voting at a polling location.

The Department of Motor Vehicles would offer a state identification card to individuals free of charge for purposes of voting under the Election Act if he or she indicates he or she is indigent.

Provisional ballots may be cast by voters who do not present a government-issued photographic identification at the time of voting.

Voters casting ballots by mail or who vote early would not be required to provide a government-issued photographic identification except when registering for the first time.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Amendment 233 allows for the use of an official photographic identification issued by an Indian tribe when voting. It allows the use of a voter registration identification card when voting. The amendment also allows any Nebraskan to receive a photo identification for use in voting regardless of income.

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John Murante, Chairperson