

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

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

### **LB230**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

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

**Date of Hearing: March 1, 2023**

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

LB 230 requires a photographic ID when voting and defines what constitutes as a qualifying photographic ID for voting purposes.

Those submitting provisional ballots without showing a qualifying photographic ID must do so at the county election office on or before the following Tuesday in order for their ballots to be counted.

Those qualifying to vote early must present a photographic ID along with their application. Those who are handicapped or who are members of the armed forces or are members of the Nebraska National Guard shall qualify for early voting.

An agent delivering a ballot to a registered voter shall pick up the ballot no later than one hour prior to the closing of the polls and return the ballot to the polling place before the polling place closes along with a color photocopy of the registered voter's qualifying photographic ID.

The bill criminalizes any election official or election worker who scans a qualifying photographic ID or who does not require a voter to show a qualifying photographic ID when voting.

The bill requires the American flag to be printed on all operators licenses and state identification cards.

The bill prohibits fees for the issuance of a state identification card used for voting purposes and prohibits fees for the issuance of a birth certificate used to obtain a state identification to be used for voting purposes.

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

**Senator Steve Erdman**