



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1056

Chairperson: Mike Friend
Committee: Urban Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2008

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

LB 1056 creates the First-Class City Merger Act which would allow the voluntary merger of first-class cities who share a common border subject to approval by registered voters. It specifically prohibits such a merger across county lines.

The act provides that by joint resolutions, the city councils shall adopt an initial resolution of their intent to pursue a merger. The city councils would then propose a merger plan outlining the specific details of the merger which must have a public hearing. The hearing date must be advertised for at least three weeks with final publication within seven days of the hearing date and notify that written copies of the proposed plan are available at no cost in the city clerk's office. If the city councils adopt a joint merger plan, the plan is then submitted to the registered voters for approval.

This bill provides first class cities a process which would allow them the opportunity to pursue whether merging the cities would be in the best interest of the residents of the cities.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Philip Erdman