

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB349**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 21, 2013**

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

The purpose of LB 349 is to make changes to the petition and write in process for the office of President. The bill proposes to move the filing deadline for those petitioning onto the Presidential ballot from September 1 to August 1. In addition, LB 349 removes a restriction that a person who voted in the primary election for President cannot sign the petition.

LB 349 also adds requirements for pursuing a write in candidacy for President. The additional requirements include identifying electors, vice presidential candidates which are currently required for petition and recognized party presidential candidates. The bill also moves write in counting procedures into the general rules for counting write in votes.

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

**Senator John Murante**