

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

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

### **LB661**

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**Chairman: Senator Bill Avery**

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

**Date of Hearing: January 23, 2014**

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

Introduced at the request of the Nebraska Secretary of State, LB 661 consists of three components to provide additional opportunities for citizens of Nebraska to register and vote while increasing the accuracy and enhancing the maintenance of the voter registration database.

Section 3 of the bill requires the development of an online registration system that allows prospective voters to complete a voter registration through a Secretary of State secure website. The proposed system will be limited to those that have a valid driver's license or state identification card. This limitation is necessary as the applicant agrees to allow the signature from Department of Motor Vehicles records (DMV) for voter registration purposes.

Section 4 of the bill requires the development of a paperless registration system for those voter registration applications taken at DMV pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act. The proposed system would allow DMV to electronically transmit completed registrations to the proper county election officials.

The development of these systems will provide more convenience to Nebraska citizens by allowing them to complete the registration process via a website and will reduce data entry occurrences and result in fewer data entry errors.

Section 13 of the bill would allow DMV to provide the Social Security Number information to the Secretary of State for voter registration purposes. The addition of the last four digits of the SSN will allow the Secretary of State to use additional tools to maintain an accurate voter registration database.

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

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