

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB501

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 23, 2011
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Cook
One Liner: Change ballot status procedures for Presidential and vice-presidential candidates

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Janssen, Karpisek, Price, Schumacher, Sullivan
Nay:	1	Senator Avery
Absent:	1	Senator Pahls
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Brasch

Proponents:

Senator Tanya Cook
Neal Erickson

Representing:

Introducer
Secretary of State

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 501 changes ballot status procedures for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates based on whether they are candidates of newly established political parties or a nonpartisan status.

For Presidential candidates for newly established political parties, an application must be filed with certain information. For nonpartisan Presidential candidates, an application along with a petition signed by not less than 2500 registered voters is required to be filed with the Secretary of State by August 1. Currently, both newly established political party and partisan candidates must submit a petition.

Also eliminated under LB 501 is the provision that registered voters who voted in the primary election of any political party that held a presidential preference primary are not allowed to sign petitions for any other presidential candidate.

Bill Avery, Chairperson