

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB299

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 Legislative Bill 299 is to amend Section 32-554 regarding the authority of the electors of a city of the first class to vote on a question to nominate and elect some of the city council members by ward and some at large. LB 299 would allow the election of up to four at-large council members with at least four council members elected by ward. Current law limits a city of the first class to up to three at-large council members with at least four members elected by ward. This change does not apply to a city having adopted the commissioner or city manager plan of government.

LB 299 also clarifies how certain cities, villages, counties or school districts may propose at a general election the question of how they nominate and elect members to their governing boards.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Les Seiler