

# One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB968

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**Chairperson: Senator Amanda McGill**

**Committee: Urban Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 28, 2014**

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

LB 968 would provide additional powers for certain sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs), subject to municipal approval. The additional powers outlined in LB 968 would apply when an SID is too close to a municipality to incorporate, yet too far away from a municipality to be annexed.

In order to have the additional powers as provided in the bill, the SID would have to be: “(i) located in a county with a population greater than five thousand and less than eight thousand inhabitants, (ii) located in a county different from the county of the municipality within whose zoning jurisdiction such sanitary and improvement district is located, (iii) unable to incorporate due to its close proximity to a municipality, and (iv) unable to be annexed by a municipality with zoning jurisdiction because the sanitary and improvement district is not adjacent or contiguous to such municipality.”

Any SID that meets these requirements would have only the following additional powers, subject to the approval and restrictions established by a city council or village board within whose zoning jurisdiction the SID is located. Such SID would have the power to: “(i) regulate and license dogs and other animals, (ii) regulate and provide for streets and sidewalks, including the removal of obstructions and encroachments, (iii) regulate parking on public roads and rights of way relating to snow removal and access by emergency vehicles, and (iv) regulate the parking of abandoned motor vehicles.”

I have one SID in my district that would meet the requirements of LB 968. This situation may occur in other parts of the state as well.

As primary introducer of LB 968, I intend to offer an amendment to provide that the county in whose zoning jurisdiction the SID is located would also have to grant approval for the SID to have any of the additional powers authorized in this bill.

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

**Senator Jim Scheer**