

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

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

### **LB273**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 25, 2015**

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

LB 273 allows voters to change the election of county offices from partisan to nonpartisan in counties of 20,000 or less. County Boards may adopt a resolution requiring submission of the question to voters or registered voters may file a petition with the county clerk requesting submission of the question to voters. The petition must be signed by at least 5% of registered voters in the county at the preceding statewide election as verified by the county clerk.

The question will be on the ballot at the first statewide general election at least 60 days after adoption of the resolution or verification of the petition signatures. If voters approve the ballot question, county offices will be elected on a nonpartisan ballot in subsequent election.

The same methods may be used to submit the question to the voters to change election of county offices from nonpartisan to partisan.

The question may not be submitted to the voters more than once every three years.

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

**Senator Kate Sullivan**