

# **One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020**

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

### **LB1022**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 27, 2020**

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

LB1022 requires that election commissioners be elected on a nonpartisan ballot and eliminates the position of deputy election commissioner. Under current law, the Governor appoints election commissioners in counties of at least 100,000 residents, and the election commissioner appoints a deputy election commissioner.

LB1022 also requires that if a county between 20,000 and 100,000 residents chooses to have an election commissioner, the position must be elected. Currently, county boards in these counties may appoint an election commissioner and deputy election commissioner if they choose. In counties of this size who do not choose to have an election commissioner and in counties with fewer than 20,000 residents, an elected county clerk handles the duties of an election commissioner.

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

Senator Matt Hansen, M.