

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

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

### **LB604**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

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

**Date of Hearing: March 16, 2023**

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

LB 604 would implement changes to early voting, including the ability for a registered voter to request an early voting ballot on the Nebraska Secretary of State's website; require all election commissioners to establish a permanent list of voters requesting early ballots and provisions for managing the permanent list; require that return envelopes for early voting ballots are preaddressed to the election commissioner and are postage-paid; and require that if an election commissioner has the phone number or email of a voter who returned an early voting ballot, send an email or text to the voter confirming receipt of the ballot, the date of its receipt, whether the ballot was accepted or rejected, and if applicable, the reason for its rejection.

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

**Senator Jane Raybould**