



Anti-Voter ID

Introducer: Senator Murante

Bill Number: LR1CA

Talking Point #1 – Contradicts voter protections

Statement: The Nebraska Constitution has one of the strongest protections for the right to vote, LR1CA would weaken the right to vote for every Nebraskan.

Supporting Statements:

- The Nebraska Constitution clearly states that elections shall be free – requiring voters present a driver's license or photo ID is making them pay \$26.50 for the right to vote in Nebraska
- The Nebraska Constitution clearly states that there shall be no hindrance or impediment to the right to vote. An estimated 200,000 Nebraskans of voting age do not have a Nebraska license or ID, requiring them to acquire one in order to receive a ballot is a hindrance and impediment to voting

Talking Point #2 – Voter ID would cost the state millions

Statement: Senator Murante stated that it is his intention that free IDs would be available under voter ID – this would cost the state millions of dollars.

Supporting Statements:

- It is estimated to cost the state \$5.2 million in expenses and lost revenue to provide a free state ID to those who currently have one and the 200,000 individuals who have neither a license or ID
- In Nebraska you cannot have both a driver's license and a state ID, so driver's licenses would need to be free as well. That would cost the state roughly \$31.6M.
- Texas recently spent \$3.5 million defending a voter ID law the court found to be racially discriminatory



Talking Point #3 – Harmful solution to a nonexistent problem

Statement: Voter ID laws only protect against in-person voter impersonation which is nonexistent in Nebraska. Voter ID is a solution in search of a problem.

- A study was conducted on occurrences of voter fraud, out of 1 billion ballots cast over a 10 year period - only 10 were the result of voter fraud
- Nebraska's Secretary of State John Gale has testified on numerous occasions that Nebraska's elections are secure and that no voter fraud exists.

Talking Point #4 – Election modernization is solution

Statement: The solution to maintaining the integrity and public confidence of our elections in Nebraska is modernization of our election systems and software.

- Updating the software and technology used by county election officials would make it easier for data to be transferred between counties and between other government agencies
- Replacing Nebraska's antiquated Automark machines would give confidence to those individuals who use them, ensuring that their right to vote privately and independently will be protected
- There can be no confidence in our elections when eligible voters are turned away. That's why modernizes our election administration to allow for county-to-county portability and online vote-by-mail requests is the solution – not voter ID