



# County-to-County Portability

**Introducer: Senator Matt Hansen Bill Number: LB 112**

## **Talking Point #1 – Integrity of Data**

**Statement:** Allowing voters who moved between counties but failed to update their Nebraska voter registration complete a provisional ballot ensures that their registration is updated and their prior registration canceled, keeping the voter rolls clean and accurate.

### **Supporting Statements:**

- When a voter fills out a provisional ballot they are required to fill out and sign a voter registration card updating their information
- In 2016, NCR election observers recorded several voters being turned away and not allowed to fill out a provisional ballot because they had been registered in another county.

## **Talking Point #2 – Access to the Ballot**

**Statement:** County-to-County Portability is a sensible compromise that allows for accessible elections while respecting the administrative needs of county election officials

### **Supporting Statements:**

- Of those provisional ballots rejected, on average approximately 25% are rejected because the individual voted in their new county and failed to update their Nebraska registration

## **Talking Point #3 – Respectful of county time and budget**

**Statement:** County election officials are required to review every provisional ballot, allowing them to count more of the ballots is respectful of the time and energy they dedicate to the process.

### **Supporting Statements:**

- It is estimated to cost a county roughly \$33 to administer, review, and make a determination a provisional ballot – that \$33 is best spent when the vote is counted and the registration updated.