

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Special Session - 2024**

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

### **LB46**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: August 01, 2024**

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

LB 46 seeks to amend several existing statutes with notable changes related to the consolidation of county offices, the duties of county and district court clerks, and reimbursement mechanisms for child, spousal, and medical support enforcement. Key provisions include allowing counties to consolidate various county offices such as clerk of the district court and county assessor, subject to voter approval at a general election or a specially called election. The bill specifies that consolidated officeholders must meet the qualifications of each office, and the county board must hold a public hearing before adopting a resolution for consolidation.

The bill also addresses residency requirements for elected clerks of the district courts. Specifically, elected clerks of the district court need not be residents of the county at the time of filing for election but must reside in the county during their term. Additionally, it transitions certain duties from elected clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates, particularly in counties where the population or circumstances justify such a change. The transition is set to occur in phases between 2026 and 2027 for different district court judicial districts.

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

**Senator Justin Wayne**