

Session of the Legislature. It was put in there for the purpose of giving the election officials a means of clearing their records of persons who had moved and, or persons who had died, persons whose registration was no longer valid. The reason why Senator Cavanaugh and I have introduced this bill to eliminate the purge is that it has now become apparent that the purge has some accompanying negative effects, some things that also are not at all desirable as far as election laws are concerned. Some of the things that we have seen about the purge is number one; is that it amounts to a harrassment or discouragement of persons who have, people who have not always been voting and, these are the guys that we have been trying to encourage to vote. We're finding that between 15 and 25% of our registered voters are going to have to be purged according to this law. Of these 15 to 25% that are going to have to be purged, right at two-thirds of them, 65% are going to have to be re-registered which

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