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SENATOR NORE: About these amendments, does this require a class three district, or all districts to have a primary run-off.

SENATOR LEWIS: Does a...a...this is class three and we have done that already. We did that in 435. That has already been done. This is to reaffirm that decision and many of these amendments again Al Beerman they are technical in nature many of those, it tries to make some harmony out of it so that we can carry out the intent of what we did with the run-off's in class three districts.

SENATOR NORE: Does it state that we shall, have a primary run-off, it doesn't? Or does it?

SENATOR LEWIS: That a has already been determined in 435 that we will.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Question of Senator Lewis. Would you object to inserting may for shall Senator, we have many class three school districts who come up on a primary election with too few candidates realizing at the same time that your objection is to those districts coming up with so many that they need a primary. But if we were to make it permissive and let the commissioner of election in the county determine whether or not there is need for a primary run-off we could save a school district, I believe, the cost of an unnecessary primary election.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well I talked to Senator Waldron who expressed some of the same concerns and I had that when we talked in terms of it. But I hoped what we might be able to do and I would try and prepare an amendment that we could maybe put it on on Select File that would say that if there is no contest, if only two people file for two slots, then there is really no reason to have an election, if there is no contest lets not have a run off.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I would say that if we had 4 people for two spots we would still have the same condition that you would arrive at through a primary, wouldn't we? Well again....

SENATOR LEWIS: I think that I certainly I, and it is not my bill, but I am willing to say lets try and help those people who really don't want a primary but lets make sure that in those areas where a school election is highly contested where there are 8, or 10 or 12 or 15 or, I can't remember how many Senator Kelly had in his district out there, but if they would all give a dollar we could almost finance state aid, you know, so I am in agreement with what you want to do Senator Murphy and I'm sure that you and I and Senator Carpenter and everyone else, Senator Kremer can work out an amendment that will not impose a hardship upon class three districts where there is not a need for a run-off.

SENATOR MURPHY: I think in many times this would be a cost saving factor.

SENATOR LEWIS: I agree with that idea and I think that if we could move it on, I would be happy to co-sponsor an amendment with you on Select File or however you want to do it.