

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, Mr. President. I think I got an answer when Senator Hall was speaking but I asked Senator Baack my question and I wanted to just clarify this so that we don't have problems down the road. Senator Hall, I have skimmed this but I have not thoroughly studied it and I got to wondering, let's suppose that I am approached by a circulator, I am not a registered voter and you point out to me that I do indeed need to register prior to all of the petitions being filed. And so I sign your petition and I go on about my business and then I forget to do it, am I in any jeopardy as an individual for my forgetfulness?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Scofield, no, and the provision that covers that is the issue when it deals with willfully and knowingly. Also, what would happen is your name would become invalid. Your signature would not be valid toward counting toward the success of that petition drive and the willfully and knowing that is laced throughout the amendment that I offer would protect an individual who just basically forgot.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay, if I could pursue this just a little bit further, just to get it in the record. It might be important at some point. Is there any danger if some overzealous person, for whatever unforeseen reason, might decide to try to prove intent or willful behavior on that. Is that a pretty...that's a pretty farfetched scenario but I think, as a person who might contemplate signing a petition at some point, we ought to put that in the record.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Scofield, there is no way to deter that or I guess to determine whether or not someone might do that. I mean, it is possible.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: It's possible that someone could say, yes, there was...you did willfully try to do that and I guess at that time it would be on their behalf, they would have to prove that. It would be up to them to prove willful and knowingly intent to sign that without, in essence, defraud.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: But, essentially, that would be stricken as a qualified signature so it shouldn't ever become an issue.