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SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I understand it, the election currently is at large. This language would allow a majority vote of the governing board or by petition of the voters.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's the way the bill was written and what we are doing in the committee amendment is striking that part that says they could do it by petition.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But it also strikes...doesn't it strike the whole thing, which would say the governing board, too, the governing board cannot submit it to a vote of the people?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Chambers, could I take a minute?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Maybe Senator Vrtiska knows.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Should I ask him? Senator Vrtiska, are you in support of striking Section 12?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes. Yes, I am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The way the language would read in this bill, as originally offered, this matter could be submitted to the public for vote by the governing board agreeing to submit it or by a petition. You want to prevent the governing board from being able to submit it at a general election. Is that true?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Actually, the law is...the...yeah, the statute is silent on whether the governing board itself can submit the question to the voters. That's basically what we're taking out, because there isn't anything that addresses that issue at all.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now, if neither the governing board nor the public, by petition, can submit the question, it can never be submitted. Isn't that true? This language deals with a majority vote of the governing board as well as a petition of the registered voters. So, if you don't let the governing board