

over to the next year. Amendment number three, according to the Attorney General's Opinion, he said that the election date was confusing, and perhaps inoperative. Therefore, this amendment says that any election must be held at least thirty days before the County Board officially sets the levy for the subdivision's budget. The Board sets the levies on September 1st. Therefore, the election must be held by August 1st. This is the same concept as was intended to be in the bill, and the same as in LB 1. Number four, the Attorney General's Opinion also said that the provision for population estimation might result in widely differing methods of estimating population between various subdivisions. Therefore, this amendment would require the Auditor of Public Accounts to approve methods for determining population or census projections. Hopefully, this will result in a degree of uniformity in the Auditor's approval of census projections, and will prevent wide disparities in the method used to estimate population. And number five, the E & R amendments to LB 285 added a provision in the population section, Section 18, that said that the election could be held if the Board determines that the authorized increase of seven percent was not sufficient, and the provisions of Section 16, population, or Section 17, emergencies, were not not applicable. It is possible that those sections could be utilized and hence applicable, but the authorized limit was still not sufficient. Therefore, this amendment proposes to add the words "or inadequate", to the E & R amendment to clarify that an election could be held even if the limit was higher than seven percent by virtue of population growth or an authorized emergency level... levy. I move for the adoption of the amendments, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Carsten amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: A question of Senator Carsten, if I may. Senator Carsten, in absolute ignorance, which I'm real good at, your provision that the election shall be held thirty days prior to the date of setting the budget, do we need to include, or do the current laws provide for adequate notice of that election? It runs in my mind that notice of special elections is quite often rather lengthy and that the subdivision might have to determine in January that they want an election in August. Is the statute adequate in this instance, or should we further clarify that to indicate that in the case of this particular election, let's say at least thirty days' notice shall be given in the various and assorted newspapers of record, and that?