

open. What I am suggesting with this amendment is that we put a proviso there that would indicate that thirty-six contact hours a year is the maximum amount of education....Continuing Education that the county attorneys need to be subjected to. This would be, in my opinion, about three week-ends a year and I think that is a logical number. I would urge the body's adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak to the Vickers amendment?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, again I may be back another year if the Advisory Boards misuse their power, but right now it seems to me that county attorneys have a much better idea on what is needed than the average lay member of this Unicameral Legislature. They may choose to have considerably less than this. They may decide that thirty-eight hours is the magic number. But I hesitate, very sincerely, to put this kind of requirement limit in statute when we are starting something new. We now have added lay members of the board, elected members of the County Supervisors or County Commissioners, and it seems to me that they are in a better position to make that decision than we are in the Legislature, and I think that has been one of the errors the Legislature has committed in the past, is trying to be too detailed where we do not have expertise. We have set up an expert board. Let's let them function a year before we try to put this kind of thing into law.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I support this amendment. In the original bill there wasn't anything said as to how long this schooling would last for county attorneys. When you are dealing with attorneys I think you should be a little bit more careful perhaps than dealing with the ordinary layman and I would hate to see this developing into a month school or two month school or whatever they choose to do. I would think with thirty-six hours, which is almost a week of work, they certainly should be able to cover the laws that have to do with counties and the type of criminal with which they are dealing in that length of time. I see no problem in limiting it to thirty-six hours. Frankly, I had in mind less than that and the way the amendment is stated it says not more than thirty-six hours and if the County Attorneys Association feel that this is the amount they ought to have, three days or whatever, this is