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have to ask Senator Koch a question because as I read his amendment everybody...every school district or every subdivision of government that has a lid imposed upon it can, by a vote of the board, call for another election, and do I understand, Senator Koch, that because of the fact that Omaha and Nebraska City had theirs locked in before this bill passed that they would have to wait the full two years unless we pass legislation that puts them out?

SENATOR KOCH: Well, if we adopt Senator Lamb's amendment that puts them in that unique position. What we are saying in the bill, Senator Keyes, and the amendment I am offering is that any lid that is passed as of the date this law is passed it will be a two-year lid that they put in by petition but the board can put it before the people one year and say, do we want it again or don't we.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, the Omaha School District and the Nebraska City School District, with your amendment, could call for an election right away and eliminate the lid for the second year.

SENATOR KOCH: That is not the way I look at it. It says... you have got to read the whole...it says...you've got to read the whole amendment now. The amendment says, whenever there is a lid imposed from the time this bill becomes law that shall be a two-year lid. However, the board, after one year, can go to a vote of the people, either general, special or primary 120 days prior to their budget year and ask for a repeal of or an approval of another year.

SENATOR KEYES: Is there a way we can fix this amendment of yours so that Omaha and Nebraska City can call for an election this year and be out from under the lid if the people should so vote?

SENATOR KOCH: Presently, right now we have Omaha and Nebraska City....they are exempted from this. They are one year. The people have to vote again to put it on if they want another one.

SENATOR KEYES: Oh, I see, they have to vote to put it on. Now, Senator, I didn't...and I haven't been able to go through all of it and find out, does it go from five to seven or five to ten, or five to fifteen, the percentage of signatures that is needed? Senator Koch, does it go from five to seven, or five to ten, or five to fifteen, the number of signatures that's needed?