

want to place the issue on the ballot but it should not be so high as to act as a deterrent to people being able to place the issue on the ballot and at 10% we look at a statute that applies to all governmental subdivisions and as has already been pointed out, you get the small subdivision that is only a handful of votes, of voters that are required to petition and I think the 10% is an ample safeguard to be assured that there is a representative group of people who sincerely believe that this kind of limitation be placed on local government and it is not so large as to be a deterrent for their ability to place it on the ballot. I support the 10%.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, it seems like whether we go 10%, 5% or 7% it is not really that important because I think as Senator DeCamp so prudently reminded us that this is local elections as opposed to state elections. I think we also need to remember that this is not the decision making function. It still requires 51% of the voters to accept or reject the proposition. All this merely does is put the proposition on the ballot, brings the issue before the public. Now I don't think that democracy is being impaled here, whether it is 5% or 7% or 10%. I don't think that is important. I don't think we need to make it more restrictive necessarily from 5 to 10% because of the fact that it really just puts it on the ballot. It just sets up the mechanism whereby the public can make the decision which requires a majority of the voters. So it seems to me that we are spending a lot of time on a relatively inconsequential point. I personally see nothing wrong with the 5%. The 5% only brings the issue before the public and then the campaign begins, the issue is aired and the public makes its decision.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Okay, Senator Kremer and then Senator Kahle. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, very briefly, I, too, rise to support Senator Koch's amendment. I have long felt that 5% simply is not representative. It is too much of a minority. The 10% that Senator Koch is suggesting in his amendment, in my opinion at least for whatever it is worth, is a lot closer to being fair and I join the others that have spoken to this and lend my support to the best of my ability to support the Koch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I think Senator Koch's amendment is fair. If you do not, I don't believe