

who were amateurs at that time trying to have a petition drive, we needed some help in doing it exactly right and after all the work you go through in a petition drive to find that you didn't draft the petition properly and have it thrown out, it is just very difficult...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have five minutes.

SENATOR WESELY: I'll finish in just one second. All I will say is that he has identified a serious problem. I know from experience that it is a problem. Obviously this would be helpful and I think we should all support LB 807.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I wish just to take a couple of minutes and I wish you would inform me before the total time elapses because it is not my desire to exhaust the time and prevent a vote. I did want to support the bill generally. I think it is a great advancement over the law that we presently have. It makes a number of very good clarifying and refining changes. I did have a couple of questions for Senator Landis if I may. The bill provides in part that the executive officer and governing body of a municipal subdivision may at any time by resolution provide for the submission to a direct vote of the electors of any measure pending before it, enacted by it or enacted by the electorates pursuant to the initiative and referendum provisions. Senator Landis, do you know if that is the power that all municipal councils and executive officers have at the present time? Can they submit any measure that they so choose to a vote of the electorate?

SENATOR LANDIS: It is my understanding that it is true that they do have that authority now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and my second question is, do school districts have that authority? How does initiative and referendum apply to school districts and should it apply to school districts? The question comes up as you may recall because we've been dealing in 688 with the question of district elections and allowing cities to submit a question to the voters...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, you have three minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...maybe you can comment briefly on how that relates.

SENATOR LANDIS: LB 807 does not apply to schools for any other political subdivisions other than cities. There are roughly fifteen to perhaps twenty forms of initiative and referendum on our statute books now. They deal with such