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in this bill. The statute involved is the one that requires or that allows school districts of all types, this includes the rural school districts, to petition for an election to change from by-large to district elections or vice versa. The statute gives you the right to petition and if you meet certain standards you can have an election. The statute doesn't say anything about how often you can do this, and so what I wanted to do is pick up and include in the statute how often you can actually use this so that the community is not bludgeoned year in and year out with the same petition to do the same thing. And so the amendment says that you can use the statute once every three years and that just seemed to me and to others I talked to to be a reasonable period of time that you should not be allowed to use it more than once every three years. I think if I am correct, Senator Landis, that that time period relates to initiative and referendum in what we do in those areas also. So I would ask for your adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I would quote to you presently in law that any Class III school district others can by resolution of that board if they feel that the interest is great enough place themselves into a district type of situation. That is presently in the law now, and I don't care how you do it, this is mainly a Lincoln issue and only in Lincoln. You should not drag in other systems besides that because in Omaha presently you have a subdistrict election totally. In Lincoln you have a hybrid system and now we are going to try to bring in other school systems. We do have some Class III schools right now by resolution that do elect members from various districts for a representative purpose. So why do you want to mandate it when by resolution of the board they can put themselves in those same conditions. I object to this Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Senator Beutler, do you want to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that this has nothing to do with the school board itself calling an election. Of course, they can call an election at any time. This has to do with members of the community petitioning and the statute says they have the right to petition, and all my amendment does is say that in using this petitioning process instead of allowing them to use it every year, it says you can use it once every three years to