

can give me some other information that changes my mind on it. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Smith. There are two more lights on, Senator Baack, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Senator Landis and members, I think there is a...what this is is purely enabling kind of legislation. The county board would still make the decision as to whether or not and the reason that it was brought to us was the fact that at \$100 a year a lot of the county hospital boards are having a very, very difficult time getting anyone to serve. If they are having that problem at \$100 a year getting them to serve, we are just going to enable them to pay a little bit more to try and get some more people to serve on that board, to try and get some good quality people serving on that board. That is what it does. It doesn't require anyone to increase anything. If they can get the people to serve at \$100, they can still serve at \$100. It does not require them to do anything. The county board will make that decision if they are having problems getting people to serve, maybe by an inducement of \$50, maybe at \$150 a year they can get somebody to do it, but they are not required to do that. It is going to be very localized I would think. I have a county hospital in mine too, and it would be...the thing of it is it's very difficult to get somebody to serve for \$100 a year. And that is why it's there, but it doesn't require anybody to be paid \$100 a meeting or anything like that. It doesn't require that. It's purely enabling legislation. Certainly, certainly, Senator Smith can have the rest of my time if she would like.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right. Senator Baack yields the remainder of his time to Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I don't intend to try to hold the bill up if I can be satisfied by the questions that I have and that's why I thank you for giving me your time. But right now they are eligible for \$100 a year. How is that paid to them? How? How is it dispersed to them? Do they get it as a yearly, well, if you want to call it a salary or a stipend or something for being a board member, is that how it is now?

SENATOR BAACK: Well, that is how it is done in my county. Now I don't know if every county does it exactly the same.