

we do slightly. The issue of district elections with regard to the county board is basically a companion bill to one that I introduced on behalf of the county and that was for the County of Douglas to go to home rule charter. And I firmly believe that once district elections are in place, districts are provided with regard to the county commissioners, that it is then appropriate at that time to have home rule provisions so that they may become a law-making body. The idea behind going to district elections provides that they represent their areas. I would hope that none of us, even though we do at times become slightly parochial in our interests, do not look at the overall impact of legislation that it has on the entire state. We are state senators. We happen to come from specific districts, but we do address issues on a statewide basis that have a statewide impact and we make those decisions with that in mind I think first and foremost. The issue of the number of commissioners is one that I think can yet be debated, but the issue of whether or not they should be elected in a primary and a general election by district, I think is one that needs our support. I understand the concerns that are raised by Senator Labeledz and I clearly understand the one that Senator Korshoj mentioned with regard to the issue of a landfill. It was not all that too many years ago that in my district there was a balefill that without a lot of citizen opposition would never have, I think, been closed down when it was because of the...it was a city operated facility and the councilman from that district was having a difficult time getting other members to support it, so it is a legitimate issue but I think more so the issue of having representation from a number of different areas of the county is just as important. And to have those individuals elected both in the primary and the general election by their specific districts is one that I intent to support. I was not here when the bill was addressed the first time on General File and I apologize to Senator Chambers for that, but the issue has not changed any and it will not change. I think the district election is important, it is important that we do it both in the primary and the general election. It is important that those individuals in various parts of the city and my section of the city is economically no different than Senator Chambers' to any great extent. Low to poor, few middle class individuals in there, but the economic strata is no different and they need to be represented as well on the county board. It has been a number of years since there has been representation from either parts of the city east of 42nd Street and...