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LB 588

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Korshoj amendment to LB 588. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is the adoption of the Korshoj amendment. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Korshoj's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, a couple of housekeeping items, Senator Hartnett, you had amendments printed earlier, Senator, to...okay they were...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, what this amend...first of all, the bill is in the form that it was in when it was offered in the green copy. The committee amendments were not adopted. So, what this amendment will do, and Senator Hall is going to offer an amendment to it, so I'm going to tell you what my amendment will do, then what it will do with Senator Hall's amendment. My amendment would set up a system whereby we move from at large to district. What it was going to do was require that those commissioners who will be elected at the next election in 1980, 1990, would serve for two years, and then after that, all of the districts would take place with an additional shortened term for some of them and the others for four years and that would keep the stagger in place. Also, the election commissioner would be the one to draw the districts. Senator Hall has an amendment that would have to be discussed in conjunction with what I'm saying so that it will be clear what ultimately is going to happen. There was concern on the part of those who sit on the board now and will run for election in 1990. They didn't want a shortened term. Personally I don't care if they don't get a shortened term. So what Senator Hall's amendment would do is allow, instead of what I mentioned about the shortened two-year term, it will allow those who run the next time to have their full four-year term.