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LB 588

takes effect in 1992, correct?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, that's when the first election will occur. But there are things that will happen prior to that date.

SENATOR LABEDZ: When?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is a census in 1990, then the districts have to be drawn.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Okay, so the census in 1990 has...will occur in 1990, but the actual process won't go into effect until 1992.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The first election, by district, will occur in 1992.

SENATOR LABEDZ: So there is actually no harm in bracketing this bill until January 1990.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, there is, but in order to be brief I'll let that suffice as my answer, then I'll comment when my time comes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you. The bracket motion is to bracket the bill until January 1990. As amended by, I believe, Senator Hall on General File, it will not become effective until 1992. So I urge the members of the body to bracket LB 588 and give the Douglas County residents a chance to maybe convince Senator Chambers that we do not need seven county commissioners. It's expensive, they're paid, as I said in the beginning, \$21,000 for a meeting that occurs once every week for about an hour, hour and a half at the most, sometimes it runs until noon, but very, very seldom. So we're asking Douglas County to pay \$21,000 to seven county commissioners, and I can assure you there has been a lot of opposition to this proposal, and so that I ask you to postpone this until January 1990. There is no urgency to get this in effect now in 1989, so I'm asking for a bracket of LB 588 until January 1990, and hope that you will support that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to bracket. Senator Chambers, Senator McFarland on deck.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, as