

passed, that gave the board the authority to subdivide for voting precincts. Since the 1915 or '16 it was always at large voting, the whole district voted every year. They came to me and they wanted to divide into two or three voting precincts with precinct voting. So, I introduced the bill and there was no opposition at that time. But the bill read that they could divide into two or more, and they divided into seven precincts for voting, and that is when we started getting some problems with it. So I am gutting the whole bill just to correct an error that we made in the original bill three years ago, and all my bill does today is add to the bill that we had two years ago, that after the board has divided the district, pursuant to subsection so and so, the board shall not divide the district again or change divisions until precinct voting is completely phased in and an election has been held for the directors to be elected in each precinct. All this does is say, fine, you've divided it, now we will accept that, but give us our precinct vote. It's just a matter of fairness. So, unless there are questions, why I'd just ask you to support this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, did you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes. When we heard this bill last year I got the impression that there were people that had seats that were just absolutely locked up, and there was no way you could get them out of there. That there were people from out of state that had large groups of votes that could give their proxy to other people, and thus they were locking up huge areas. Now, how are you changing that?

SENATOR KORSHOJ: We're not changing the precincts at all. But what this does is it lets everybody get one vote. So there will be three or four precincts that will be no vote, that land is locked up. But the people who are in the voting precincts, that did not get to vote for seven years, six years and five years, will also now have a chance, if they get a precinct election. But if the board was to change, because they have that authority, if they were to change when those elections were to come up and say we're going to vote at large, they would be right back where they are with no representation. It gives them a chance to elect somebody from their precinct.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So we're going from at large to precincts.