

responsible municipal government. Each and every one of those employees would have to run in the next general election and stand for election at that time. Some of the new members appointed at...I would not even know personally, so this is not a personal vendetta against anyone. Precedence has been set. The Supreme Court, in such a law, says it has always been the general policy of this state that the governing officers of the cities and towns should be selected by a vote of the electors. The policy of the state is to provide means whereby the people shall be represented in that office by officials of their own selection. The process that we have right now, it is possible by several appointments made from a special interest group, to gain control of the city government and that direction may or may not be what the rest of the citizens of first class cities prefer to have in their government. There was one question during the hearing in regards to a point of concern and I did contact Mr. Ralph Englert, a deputy secretary of state, and he said that Mr. Englert is of the opinion that the current law as found in Section 32-537 would deal with such contingencies if 853 were elected, and that would be some of the concern of the first class cities, specifically in the case of a vacancy occurring after the primary election. Mr. Englert agreed that such a position would be contested at the general election following, it being the next regular election. Since the primary election is past, the ballot would have to be filled by petition and he goes on to explain that and so that's all it does, a very simple bill, a little bit more representative government and the people have a little more to say. The ones that are appointed just and for election in the next general election. There is no cost to the cities necessarily, but the people have an opportunity to vote on who represents them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the advancement of LB 853 to E & R please vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 853.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 853 advances. LB 1086.

CLERK: LB 1086, offered by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Education, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.