

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the primary service area or the primary service responsibilities, you say that those are established by statute.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, they are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then we could amend a statute to define or redefine a primary service responsibility and attach that to a geographical area? Could we do that?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, we could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And we could do that and eliminate people from being reappointed to the board if we did it in such a fashion that two or more members presently on the board would be in that one area and provide that only one person could come from that area. We could do that, couldn't we?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I'm not...and I'm not sure we couldn't do that already today if we'd choose to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So what I'm asking, why put this in the Constitution when there's ambiguity and uncertainty as to exactly what it means, or if it can be done already legislatively?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why introduce the ambiguity into the Constitution?

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, and I will address that on my time if....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's what I was planning to address, so if you'd like to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I'll...

SENATOR WITHEM: And I'm not avoiding your question...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand.

SENATOR WITHEM: ..but I prefer not to take your time.