

suggest there is more philosophical differences within parties probably than there is between parties, at least among members. And then, finally, I can think of more than one time when the requirement was, in fact, there for a half, no more than one-half of the members from the same political party, that that requirement of statute was met very simply, the individual changed their registration, and that has happened time and time and time again over the years. So it doesn't add any kind of a shield whatsoever, not in reality, and as far as I am concerned, the first responsibility ought to be the best possible people that can be selected to serve these responsibilities and not one of a partisan nature. And as I said before, other than for the fact that the first Governor would be making, or the Governor that would be making these first appointments would be making them all at one time, I would, personally, prefer to see not more than half of one political party eliminated there. I suspect that, as a practical matter, you would see little impact from that kind of an arrangement.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question. Now, Senator Warner, I don't know the answer to this question myself so it is for information, but you may be a little more up on these subjects. For the position of Election Commissioner, the top post can go to a person of whichever party but usually it is the party of the Governor.

SENATOR WARNER: Right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And then must not the assistant be a member of the other party?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, and, in fact, it goes farther than that, that the party at the county level submits names, as I recall, at least it was that way, from which to be selected for the Assistant Election Commissioner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, not that you've mentioned that, I think it comes back to me, and the reason that is done is because when you are dealing with the election process, each party should be there to kind of keep an eye on the other to make sure that everything is like it ought to be, as much as possible.