

violations of rules and regulations. I think it's a significant difference, as a matter of fact. And I'm not sure we want to encumber the local subdivisions and the regulatory agencies of state government with those particular costs and fees, I really don't. School boards, various organizations, local subdivisions, the 2500 local subdivisions that we have in our state government, I'm not sure we want to encumber them with those kinds of costs. And I think we can accomplish pretty much what Senator Haberman or Senator Elmer is trying to do by limiting these cases to felony type prosecutions. And I think that gets at Senator Lindsay's...I hope maybe it doesn't, but some of his concerns. With that, I would offer my amendment which would simply provide that the kinds of cases where costs and fees can be awarded are felony criminal prosecutions and not misdemeanor prosecutions, which most of the violations of licenses and local ordinances, in fact, are misdemeanors. So, with that, I would move my amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: I have a number of speakers who wish to speak. Now, we're talking on the amendment, on Senator Ashford's amendment right now. If you don't wish to speak on this amendment, just let me know. First of all, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Baack. Yes, I would wish to speak to the amendment. And I would ask Senator Ashford, who is an attorney of record, while I have no experience in jurisprudence, other than my experience here, under what circumstances would an agency, a county or a city have rules or regulations or ordinances that would be classed as felonies?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. I don't...there...right off the top of my head, Senator Elmer, I can't think of too many cases where a violation of a...Now, you may have some licensing viola...violations of licensing laws, maybe two or more offenses, for example, that would...could result in a felony.

SENATOR ELMER: So, Senator Ashford, what you're saying is just the state can create felonies and not really the subdivisions and the agencies.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Generally, violations of local ordinances are misdemeanors, that's correct.