

Select for the purpose of amending and that is what this is. The E clause is because of the municipal elections that are coming up all across the state rather quickly and we thought it was essential to bring all of the statutes into compliance with one another to accomplish what the Legislature indicated last year they wanted to do.

SENATOR WESELY: I appreciate the explanation but I'm trying to recall now, so you're saying last year we passed a statute so that nobody in the state can hold...I do recall that discussion that nobody can have two elective offices at the same time?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Anybody can except for members of the Legislature and constitutional officers.

SENATOR WESELY: We went the other way. We opened it up so you can...

SENATOR COORDSEN: We opened it up so you can, right. See, if you recall the little bit of the history of it, this came up in, I believe it was Boyd County, when there was quite a lot of controversy going on up there over another issue and...

SENATOR WESELY: What issue was that, Senator Coordsen? (laughter)

SENATOR COORDSEN: I seem to forget. I'm sure that it is all behind us now and...but anyway, some person was found not to be able to hold an office on a monitoring committee or something because they were on a Class I school board. Then people got to looking around and found, and especially in the rural areas of the state, there were many people who were serving illegally who hadn't...no knowledge of that. They might have been on an NRD board and a Class I school, for an example, which would appear to be not in conflict, but they were still illegal. You run into a problem in the more sparsely populated areas of the state, certainly of finding people who are willing to commit of their time to serve the public. It was the Government Committee's feeling last year that if in an individual instance that the holding of more than one office was an issue, then that issue could be decided by the voters at the polls in those areas, that it would be an issue of the campaign that would be an issue to decide on whether the electorate in that particular district wanted to have someone serving in more than one elected capacity. So it is entirely possible under current law to hold