

SENATOR HALL: Okay.

SENATOR LYNCH: But because the responsibilities are not really partisan in nature, by doing it this way it gave people a chance to identify competence, rather than just politics, and offered at least 30 percent of the people that vote a chance to understand and know the difference and vote for the right person.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. Thank you very much, Senator Lynch. I reluctantly rise in opposition to Senator Lynch's amendment, because I co-sponsored the bill along with Senator Chambers. And I firmly believe that district elections are important. I have debated whether or not to put up an amendment that I think meshes a little bit the two sides here that clash when you have a district election bill as opposed to an election at large concept, because my point with the example that I asked Senator Lynch to answer is that even though you have the primary representation, or the election, nomination, excuse me, nomination by district, there is no guarantee that there is going to be election through that representation, or that primary vote for that district. It's still going to boil down to, and we've heard it time in and time again, and as every election passes we hear complaints, we see legislation introduced that elections are boiling down to money. And it's going to be an issue of whoever has the deepest pockets win. That really is the overriding issue here. It doesn't get talked about a lot, but when you do look at the map, in terms of those people, and this is currently that sit on the county board, they do tend to represent, in terms of the areas that they live in, the more affluent parts of the county. They do all live within a mile of each other, except for, well, when Bill Green was on he didn't, and then when Howard Buffett got on, he's out in the very northern part of the county. I firmly believe that, if you don't deal with the issue through district elections, you're going to continue to see that. Any time you have election at large you're going to have to appeal to that much broader of a group of people, that means that much more money is going to be required, wouldn't be required, very likely, if your name was Lynch, I don't think, so that's why he didn't have any comers when he argued about running in a district election for the Legislature that encompassed about five or six other members, and I don't blame anybody for taking that on. But the issue here is are you going to have representation for those people