

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah.

SENATOR WITHEM: So I wouldn't think the expense would be all that great. There is always some.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I'm talking about paying commission members. Where did that idea come from or why do you think it is necessary? Or is that just an idea that has been put forward that the election commission itself would...

SENATOR WITHEM: I don't know that they are paid. Senator Conway could respond.

SENATOR CONWAY: May I? Thank you, Senator Crosby. The commission members are not paid commission members. They would follow much like any other of the commission members other than per diem and expenses is all they would get. The commissioner would be a full-time professional person and have some support staff and there is where you would find the actual costs of operating. Does that help?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, yes, except that on the fiscal note for LB 580 it says salaries and benefits to nine board members.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mmm, hmm. I only alluded, excuse me, I only alluded to LB 580 in that here was a cost function under that form and it's the only thing we have even close to it because...

SENATOR CROSBY: All right.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...this is an amendment, we don't have a fiscal note upon advancement.

SENATOR CROSBY: And so the...okay, and then my other question, the election commissioner would be appointed by this board?

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Not by the Governor.

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: And so that board would have the opportunity to set the salary for that person and you had mentioned maybe that they would have legal counsel and so on, so all of that would...