

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: I assume there is no statutory qualifications for the State Election Commissioner, right?

SENATOR CONWAY: We did not put one in, trying to give some latitude to a board to make those kinds of choices and bring that back to this body.

SENATOR WARNER: Are they...bring them back?

SENATOR CONWAY: Well, I shouldn't say bring it back, but through the course of this year they will not have him actually establish anything probably until January of next year at which time we could then qualify and clarify any of those kinds of things.

SENATOR WARNER: Qualifications would be whoever they would select then I'd take it.

SENATOR CONWAY: Correct.

SENATOR WARNER: On page 4, line 17-20 is, prepare and certify the form for proposed constitutional amendments or referendums. I assume that this takes the place of the current provisions where the Attorney General's Office prepares the explanation of referendums and/or constitutional amendments except where the Legislature places them on the ballot and then the Exec Board approves those?

SENATOR CONWAY: I believe, Senator Warner, we lifted this from the current statutes associated with the Secretary of State, that he prepares and certifies, then transfers over. Later on in the bill you would see the same citations of the way we do it now picked up, but the Secretary of State I believe now is charged with preparing and certifying and then channeling it. Later you would see channeling it over...

SENATOR WARNER: But how about the explanation that goes on the ballot for what a constitutional amendment does? Currently that is prepared by the Attorney General. If it is filed by petition it is prepared by the Executive Board of the Legislature or approved if it is a constitutional amendment that generated from