

Nebraska deserve that same kind of attention, with a working body that is working with them on a day-to-day basis, and a board who can come down with promulgating rules and regs and/or come to the Legislature with statutory change that may be necessary as time changes. Elections have become much more technologically involved with how we go about designing the ballots, how we count those ballots, how we process people at the polls, how we deal with the absentee voter, how we deal with voter registration. Again, like I say, the committee is inundated with bills, this year, with changing a lot of these things, and we need to have some system by which those are all integrated changes, so that one little change we don't find turns into another problem. The District 30, Gage County question of the signature versus the initial was a change in part in that we authorized the change of initials only on a...at the polling place ballot, but didn't make that change relative to absentees. It would be nice to have a commission sit there and say, we think that that change is worthy, the intent of the law was simply to verify that that ballot came from the proper source and was returned to the proper situation. That kind of body can look at those kinds of questions and make those recommendations, if it needs to be statutory or if we can do it with rule and reg. There is...encompasses, really, the concept of the commission. So I strongly support this concept, hope the body will, too. Between now and Select anybody who has any questions, again, nothing is cast in stone, and I'm very open to hearing from you in that regard. So I strongly support the advancement.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway, for your closing. We will now vote on the adoption of the amendment to LB 579. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Conway's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Warner, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess not. I thought we just adopted the amendment, right?

PRESIDENT MOUL: We did. Your light was on, so...