

affecting the Attorney General. As I understand the bill, the General Counsel that will be hired and the Election Commissioner will have authority to issue opinions to resolve conflicts and interpretations, also with the development of a manual that will be sent to the various local election officials. This would have two provisions, one that the case of the manual it would be done after it was in consultation with the Attorney General as to what was called for and then, secondly, where the Attorney General would disagree, would not have to concur, but where the Attorney General disagreed with some provision, some opinion that was issued by the Election Commissioner through their counsel, that that disagreement would also be noted. Now the reason for doing that, at least it's my understanding that, in all likelihood, should a suit be filed based upon results of an election which was also affected by the opinion that this Election Commissioner had issued, in all probability the State Attorney General would be responsible for defending the action or defending the state. So it seems to me that where there is a clear disagreement as to the opinion issued by the Election Commissioner on the part of the Attorney General that then that ought to be noted. Becomes even more important, it seems to me, because as I understand the bill, the local county election officials, as they do now, consult with their county attorney but in this case I believe they are to consult with the State Election Commission and if that's the case, then it seems to me that those local election officials need to know what the position of the Attorney General would be on some of these questions where the Attorney General disagreed with the interpretation given by the Election Commissioner. That's the basis of the amendments and I would move the adoption.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that since we're talking about three very distinct different issues on what I would consider a sensitive balanced bill in terms of the issue, that if we could divide the question so that the body could address the three concepts individually which would mean dividing after page 1, it would be after the end of the information provided on page 6 and also then to divide again on page 2, at the end of line 2, divide that into three separate those three separate issues.