

the constitutional issue has been the other direction where no states...there was pure partisan political patronage used in the hiring of state employees under code, what we would determine code agencies here, in which that was thrown out but this is to maintain a balance where, obviously, government does have a vital interest, actually the public has a vital interest to be assured that there is a balance of the day-to-day operation of an election commission and not just the governing board which at best is going to be infrequent. So I'd urge the adoption of that amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner, we have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend Senator Warner's amendment. (Conway amendment appears on page 1779 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, my amendment to Senator Warner's amendment would make this particular second section, I think, very acceptable to me and would then find myself supporting it. Basically, what I've done is, one, I believe what Senator Warner alluded to was some E & R changes because by not adopting the first section in the second section we allude to it and so my amendment strikes line 1 and 2, page 2, which makes reference to this what constitutes a quorum which now without that additional member would be different. What I would also identify in my amendment to the Warner amendment is, rather than five years that one must be in the political party by which they are designated for appointment, that we move it to two, again, staying with the precedence of Accountability and Disclosure and the concept they had there that Senator Warner read to us when he was supporting the first section was a two-year basis. I think a five-year basis is an awfully long time for one to adhere to a so-called philosophical stance from the political registration. Maybe I find that almost personally affronting that long that I think an individual can be in a party for less than five years and still be able to support those party views. But if we move that to two and then we cleaned up a couple of those aspects where we were talking about an Independent and we were talking about the number to constitute a quorum, I would be very supportive of Senator Warner's second section. So with these changes then I