

State" in that slot, he will continue to perform that specific duty of being the place where the petition is filed, and also being the entity then that officially asks to have the initiative or the referendum item put on the ballot for the voters. The commission and the board that we have created will still have that obligation, charged with making sure that the signatures are valid signatures and the like, much of the practice the Secretary of State does now. But the Constitution says specifically that the Secretary of State will receive and put on the ballot a qualified petition. So we're putting that back in, because that is a constitutional question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Is there any discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Conway? Seeing none, do you wish to close, Senator Conway? Waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senator Conway. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Conway's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Chambers and Schimek would move to amend. The amendment is on page 1341 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm sorry, Madam Chair, and members of the Legislature, this is what we might call one of those beauty and the beast amendments. It looks beastly, but it's really a beauty. Senator Conway and I, and Senator Schimek had discussed this. And the purpose of the amendment is to make sure that this assistance that the director will give to these political parties relates to selecting delegates, and not just any assistance on any issue that they bring to this person, who is the executive director of the commission. We had discussed it on General File, and the language of the bill originally was so broad that the parties could come and require that director to do more than the members of the commission could. So this is language which is designed to restrict the meaning to that type of assistance related to putting together a procedure by which delegates to these conventions would be selected. Not being a member of either