

appropriation would become valid. If it does not pass with 40 votes, then there will not be a special election and I guess it would probably...it may or may not be on the ballot in '92, but that is of no concern to us. But this amendment would read only if, indeed, 186 does pass with 40 votes and is signed by the Governor, this will appropriate \$600,000, which would go towards reimbursing those counties in full, because the statute is very clear the state pays all cost of these special elections. So, with that, I give any remainder of my time to Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise in support of the motion to return the bill from Select File to adopt Senator Moore's amendment that I signed onto. It deals, as he has stated, with a specific dollar amount. It makes sense to me that we cap that dollar amount. Even though the statute deals with all costs, that there needs to be a figure out there that ball parks or that folks can, in terms of the county election officers, can deal with. It, from all estimates, appears that the 600,000 would be an appropriate amount at this point in time. I would urge the body to return the bill and then adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I have a question for Senator Moore. The way you have this drafted, if 579A, that is if the election board is not established, then what?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, if the Governor vetoes the bill then that...

SENATOR WARNER: No, well, if it's not passed here.

SENATOR MOORE: If...or...you're right, absolutely right. Excuse me, Senator Warner, but if it's not passed here then there will be no dollar appropriation.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the way you have this drafted, it's like we can't have an election unless I vote for the 579 and...or at least if 25 people...33 people have to vote for it to have an election in August.