

list of...it does make a number of changes, most of them are not real substantive changes, but it does make a number of changes, and I'll run through those changes. It...it...first of all, it clarifies that a copy of the notice of the contest is due; in the same period of time that it's due to be delivered to the Clerk of the Legislature, it is also due to be delivered to the person who is...who is the...being...the election is being contested with. So they have to notify both in the same period of time. It shortens the time frame for the...for the person who is being challenged, the contestee, to challenge votes, it changes that time from 20 days to 14 days. And part of this is to facilitate the legislative process. I think it would help to shorten this period a little bit to give the Legislature better time to kind of frame the issues when the Legislature goes in session. Last year with the 40 days and the 20 days we ended up being almost in session before we even had the issue framed before us because of the 60-day time frame. So this lowers that by six days, would allow the Legislature a little bit more time to be ready to deal with the election contest when we went into session. The other one, it encourages the parties to expedite the taking of depositions. There were a lot of depositions taken in this case, that process tended to drag on for quite a while and this would...this would ask for...for an expeditious taking of those depositions so that it doesn't drag on too long. It also...it also says where the depositions have to be filed. There was some confusion as to whether they were supposed to be filed with...with the Speaker's office or whether they were supposed to be filed with the Clerk's office. This specifies very clearly that these depositions will be filed with the Clerk's office and that's where most of them came anyway, so that...that simply clarifies that process. It also...it also says that a committee of the Legislature...this was a select committee that was selected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, themselves, decided to deal with this issue, and then this...it also says that the...they...that, as a committee, they could ask that a writ may be issued to the county election officials to recount votes, rather than the entire Legislature. The law kind of...it's a little bit vague there. It says now that maybe the entire Legislature has to ask for that recount. This would allow the committee that's actually doing the study to...to request this recount. It also says that...that the Legislature can ask for more testimony beyond the depositions if they want to. That's not clear in law now whether or not the Legislature can ask for more...for more testimony to be given besides what is in the depositions. It