

brought to me, late last year. I made a number of calls to a number of people who should have been experts in this, and almost without exception I received different answers from each of them because of a lack of understanding, I think, of what is required by the Constitution and what, in fact, was indicated by law with a different date. And bear in mind, the date that is currently in there, has simply been one that has been carried forward from redistricting bill to redistricting bill since the Legislature switched from the two-year terms to the four-year terms and tried to create a system for the election of staggered terms at that point in time. I think that after we get through this, as Senator Ashford indicated, that the process will be much cleaner, much neater. Senator Schellpeper was right in that it would have no effect because the filing deadlines, insofar as legislative district, has already past. But we are going to be faced with the same issue ten years from now, the same confusion. I would rather suspect that when we move past the point of interest or perhaps in the immediacy of concern that an issue like this will not be addressed in the Legislature in future years, it simply will not be an issue that will be of concern at that time. As far as a changing of the boundaries, all of us have a change that will take place in our boundaries. I have acquired some territory, or will acquire, depending on the outcome of this vote, from Senator Kristensen's district. I have acquired and given up land, geographical area between Senator Byars' district and myself. It happens to all of us. I think the cleaner process would be to follow that practice that is used in all of the other redistricting mechanisms and change the legislative boundaries in the manner that is provided for in the legislative bill, the redistricting bill, at the same time that all of the other boundaries are changed. I think that the confusion that exists today is the result of the current language, the seeming conflict. You know in filing for office, whether you're qualified or not, one of the answers I got, well, the county clerks and election officials know what the new districts will be, so they assume that those will be the districts, and in matter of fact that people are registered in those districts by an assumption rather than a fact. We're asking for trouble at some point in time in the future, if in fact we don't take this action at this time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, Madam