

has prescribed. And that really boils the very aspect down and I mentioned it in committee the other day. It's the basic philosophical question that's before us is, do we want to eliminate an even-numbered district or an odd-numbered district to satisfy the Madison County mandate? If we, in fact, go through this exercise and we name Madison County an even-numbered district, the process will continue much in the same way that it has now short of meeting what some of us I guess believe was that mandate in that Norfolk, I shouldn't say Norfolk, Madison County will have election this fall. The same thing when someone gets up and addresses the issue saying, well, let's wait until after this election. Waiting then mandates that Madison County then would be an even-numbered district because the odd-numbered districts will already have been voted on and that's locked into law. So the struggle back and forth really is that basic philosophical question is, do we allow Madison County to follow what I believe the court has ordered and that be reinstated and be put in a position to allow elections for November to fall into place. And it's really about that simple, and I rise in opposition because in my own mind I dealt with this process, I did not support the Madison County case, as most of you are well aware. But now that they have won it, and I think we're sitting there talking about should we defy a court order or the other risk is the potential of the lawsuits and those lawsuits coming to fruition in a positive vein for people who bring those. It's almost a bird in the hand, bird in the bush situation sitting there saying do I follow what the court has already said and pit that against the potential of what the court may say in the future in that regard. So my first inclination is to say Madison County should be identified as an odd-numbered district. Now what that configuration is we may have all kinds of discussions. But I've seen, for instance, when LB 10 was introduced to the committee I asked the question of, because the argument was around aren't these wonderful looking, straight, clean, nice lines without breaking very many counties and the like. And my question posed to the introducers was, if we stick with those lines, why don't we turn the numbers 19 and 18 around, would you continue to support and obviously they would not. The issue was not the lines and what personalities were in that geographical area, the question was putting Madison County even-numbered thwarts having to make a decision this year, allowing these elections to go on and putting the problem off into the future with what I think is a very strong potential that the courts will step in and we will be taken out of the process by not living up to our