

amendment does is it adopts the map...if we were to adopt my amendment and then adopt the Hefner amendment, this...what we would be doing would be adopting the Hefner map as it is distributed only that would be District 18. That would be the district that Senator Schellpeper now represents. District 19, then, would be Madison County, and Madison County would have an election this fall and we would follow the procedures in the bill that is before the Legislature dealing with the petition process. I am doing this, as I say, to kind of separate the two issues. I am supportive, in a general sense, of what Senator Hefner is trying to do in redrawing the district lines because of the history this body has had in dealing with Supreme Court decisions. The way in which this body changes a Supreme Court decision that it doesn't like, should be anyway, is to amend the Constitution. In the tax situation, we spent years attempting to come in and legislate something new when the Supreme Court had given us a ruling that we did not agree with, and I am afraid that may be what we are doing when I see LB 7 the way it is drafted. The thing about the Hefner explanation that concerns me the most with when I look at LB 7 is the Supreme Court has said whenever practicable you need to follow county lines. They have said that means Madison County deserves a district because we had a plan before us that could have placed Madison County into its own district. We now have a plan before us in the Hefner plan that violates county lines a great...lesser extent than what LB 7 does. So I think there is a very good chance, if individuals were to go to court and challenge LB 7, and then say you had a better plan before you, didn't follow...didn't change the guidelines, you still had...you still came within your percentage guidelines, we might lose in that particular case. So what this amendment does, to kind of come back and summarize, is what it simply does is it changes the district numbers 18 and 19. District 19 will be Madison County as it exists on the Hefner map. District 18 will be the Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Wayne, Stanton County areas as they exist on the map, and to give you an opportunity then, if you agree with what you have heard from Senator Schellpeper and Senator Dierks that it is critical that Madison County have an election this year, they will have that. But you will not then be faced with a map that violates a lot of different county lines. Now I'd like to say I disagree very strongly with the Supreme Court's rationale. I think the idea of having to follow county lines in redistricting has been superseded by a lot of federal legisla...lot of federal cases which indicate that the critical issue is one person, one vote. And I think that is