

any confusion left to an individual or the courts that say, well, you can't have more than two because that's what another section of Chapter 32 addresses. So what I'm asking is you to bring LB 9 back to Select File for the specific amendment and that specific amendment that's being passed out to you now, and then there's only a couple lines and you can see what we're doing. Specifically states that in this type of situation, any situation where there has been a district that is reformulated after a primary and you do allow the petitioning that more than two candidates can petition on in case there was any confusion whatsoever in that regard. And I think that was what we told members of the body and then that's what we discussed in floor debate was that you could have as many two, three or four candidates. If we leave that provision in there that says only two can be on the ballot, then someone is going to want the court to determine, well, which two, the two with the most petition...petition circulation numbers in the petitions that they have circulated or how are we going to iron that out. And so to circumvent that particular problem and having another third party entering in and trying to make that determination by bringing this back, what we're going to say is that, yes, in this particular case we may have a general ballot where you've got a single office, that being a legislative seat where we would allow the potential of having more than two on that ballot, to clear up any concerns that one may have in that regard.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Conway. Discussion of the amendment. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Conway, would you answer a question for me, please. I'm looking on...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway, would you respond?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, Jerry, I'm looking on page 3, I guess would be the main substance of the bill or the amendment, lines 7 through 9, and it says, except when more than two candidates petition on the ballot under Section 32-537. And, if I remember, LB 9, Section 32-537 is the portion that talks about the petition...the petitioning process when the Legislature changes boundaries between a primary and general. Is that...would that be a fair statement so far?