

was the best way. There was a legitimate discussion on both sides. But the amendment that will be coming at some point would say that instead of letting everyone petition on the ballot, those that already have certificate of elections or election certificates would be able to be on the ballot and anyone new in the district would be able to petition on. If, for some reason, that would be the way that the body chose to go, would this amendment still be applicable? Would it still work the way that it's drafted?

SENATOR CONWAY: Yes, correct. This is really to make sure that there is no challenge to the ballot if, in fact, we have three bona fide petitioners, because there is, like I say, another section in Chapter 32 that says that no more than two people can be on the general ballot and we have structured this in a way that potentially we desire to have two or more potentially, and we didn't want that conflicting section of law saying no more than two could be there to circumvent and create a problem there. The issue you raise is a valid one, it's one that you and I have discussed, we both wrestled with. I have had mixed emotions whether or not a person who already has a certificate of nomination, and in this case myself, ought to go out and would need to go out and get the petitions. I have since taken that position, well, I suspect I should because not all of the people in any change in my district...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...would have had the opportunity to vote in that primary and, therefore, there may have been a completely different result for those two persons anyway. But it is...it's a philosophical twist that we...your amendment will allow us to discuss that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Chairman Conway, and members of the body, with that explanation, I am supportive of the Conway amendment and I appreciate the senator finding this little glitch we have in LB 9 and bringing it to our attention. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lynch. That won't be necessary, yours is the only light on. Senator Conway, do you wish to close on your motion to return? He waives closing. We will now vote on the motion to return LB 9 to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote