

you've changed the district and it's not the same district? I don't have an answer to that. I don't know. And if there are other people that have an answer to that or have other questions they might want to ask, I hope that they would do so. Again, if we're going to agree on a particular process, we need to have it on the record and a vote as to why. This is the vehicle to do that. This amendment thus is before you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schimek, on the amendment. Senator Robinson, on the amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have a question for you, Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, we add...say we add precincts 1, 2 and 3 to the, what is it, the 17th District, and so you're saying that just those people in the new precincts could petition. No one in the old district, in which Senator Conway and Mr. Hohenstein were in, those people could not petition. Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes. And can I give you a 30-second rationale for that? The rationale being that those people that were in the district have already had their chance to decide whether they were going to pay the fee and run in the primary election. They had a chance to do so. The others have not had that chance. That would be the rationale.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But if it's a new district, I mean, you're developing a new district. I mean, I guess that's why it's hard for me to conceive that someone from the original district couldn't petition to run because it's a whole new district. But you're telling me, under this amendment, those people in the district...the district they ran in in the primary could not petition to run. Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. I have to stand opposed to this. I think everyone in that old district should have a right to