

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Hefner, you're next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I perhaps do not understand this entirely either. Senator Bernard-Stevens, I have a question. And maybe it was answered a little while ago but I was on the phone so I didn't get to hear it. But say that, okay, District 17, for instance, the two candidates would go ahead and run because they have certificates of election in their hand, okay, if a new person wanted to run, how many signatures would they have to get and where would they have to get those in the new district? Okay, Senator Conway.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Since it wasn't directed to me, I might have missed the first part of the question but I will try to address that. As per the technique that's involved in LB 9, prior to Senator Bernard-Stevens' process, any person who wanted to be on the ballot in the general election for District 17, if you will, and that's really the only one we are talking about because Madison County didn't have a primary, and so their process will be pure petition...

SENATOR HEFNER: Uh-huh.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...from anywhere within Madison County. Under District 17, as it's drafted with some change, the petitioners could be anywhere in the new district, even if they lived in the district that is still a part of the original district, wouldn't make any difference, it just opens it up to petitioners. Under the Bernard-Stevens' proposal, there is a suggestion that an individual...that the two certificate holders that are still in that district wouldn't have to go get petitions within the district but any third or fourth party that wanted to come on would and they could get those petitions anywhere within the aligned district, the new district; new, old, wouldn't make any difference. And so does that answer your question?

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, not quite. Okay, would this new petitioner have to be in the new district or could they be in the new area of the district or would they have to...or could they be anywhere in the district?

SENATOR CONWAY: Any place in the district.