

also kind of looking at Roberts Rules and kind of looking at custom. And so the towns that I'm familiar with have been following this procedure. But, you know, if they're hard pressed, they don't have anything in statute to really back them up. So, you know, I'm certainly willing to discuss with you, between now and whenever, Select File or whenever, if we can improve the wording, but I haven't, I guess, figured out a way to do it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, but just to clarify myself and then I'll yield back my time, unless, Senator Bromm, you wish to use more of it. The way it's worded now, at least one-half of the elected members, on an eight-member council, a 4-4 vote, four would be half of the elected members required for transaction of any business. Would that measure pass, according to the wording that we have?

SENATOR BROMM: If it were a 4-4 vote?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The majority of the people...at least one-half of the elected people would have voted in favor of that.

SENATOR BROMM: Well, that would be correct, except that the measure wouldn't pass because there would be as many negatives as there would positives.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: But the law would be if at least one-half of the elected members do so, well, now we've changed the requirement. The requirement is not a majority, the requirement that we'll have changed here is all you need is one-half. And I don't...I'm not necessarily saying that's a bad concept if the body wants to do that, but I'm just trying to pressure a little bit on a 4-4 tie, the way it's worded, at least one-half of the elected members shall be required for the transaction of any business. Do you think that that, a 4-4 tie, would be an affirmative vote?

SENATOR BROMM: No.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Do you see any way that those words may be misinterpreted by people in the future?

SENATOR BROMM: From a common sense standpoint, I think not.