

figures lower than what my LR 6CA would have called for and I guess this is the major figure that I'm concerned with. The big problem I have, of course, is that when this is thrown out by the courts, how much was going to be thrown out. Is the whole thing going to be thrown out or is it just going to be the volunteer part or is it going to be the paid part? Because you know it's going to happen, you know it's going to happen. I just don't think we're doing any favors for our citizens in this issue. Maybe...can you tell me that, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sorry, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well I think that Senator Warner introduced, had a clause put on the amendment and had it presented in committee that called for severability, and I guess I'm not sure that's ever been done with a constitutional change to provide severability in the constitution. Maybe that can be done, but if this...what would be your idea, how would you read this with the committee amendments attached, how would you read what would happen if the Supreme Court came in and said, yes, we're going to do this severability thing. Do you think they would just remove the part that involves the paid circulators or the part that involves the volunteer circulators? Or do you think they would throw the whole thing out?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think, Senator Dierks, the intent here is that they would throw out the part that involved the bifurcated system and then revert to the Dierks formula.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's the intent of the amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Beutler, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Again, Senator Schimek, just one question to be sure I understand it correctly and this is always kind of the key point with me. If you take the law that applied to volunteers at the very beginning before the courts interpreted the constitution differently than we expected and all, and if you compare that to your amendment, your amendment still requires fewer signatures for volunteer campaigns than did the