

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler, could you point me to the, and as I understand it your amendment is on pages 1253-58.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR HALL: Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right.

SENATOR HALL: Could you point me to the language that would, that mirrors the Constitution prior to the '88 amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well I think it's the language on 1254, Senator. I need to look back at my other structure...

SENATOR HALL: Because, and please do and then just whenever you're ready, if you would find me that because there's been much discussion about changing the language back to the way it was prior to 1988, but I would argue that that in and of itself would probably, could very likely be the worst thing that the Legislature could do to initiative petition efforts, that those volunteer efforts could find themselves, if we in fact, do put them back to the way they were prior to that time, that the Legislature goes on notice saying that we want to make a distinction between registered voters and electors and the possibility of the court could argue, if they use the same methodology that they did in deciding the case that brought us to this point, they would argue the Legislature has acted and that they consciously made the decision that electors and a percentage of the electors, which as defined by the court is anyone eligible to vote, not necessarily registered, but anyone eligible so that they meet the residency and the age requirements, that you would have a much higher standard, that you could be looking at a much greater threshold that would be required. But everyone has talked about that. But they've only talked about putting the Constitution back in the form of the