

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that is correct. You know, there are...44 percent of all of our school districts, we have got roughly about what, 700 school districts, I don't see Senator Bohlke here, but roughly 700, 600 or so school districts, just about half of them overlap county lines. That is where intercounty equalization is so important. To adequately address intercounty equalization really is the State Board of Equalization's duties. Now that is the reason we got the constitutional amendment up. This is sort of a two-pronged fight or war here. To the extent, though, that I can, and that's the reason I want this commission, because they are going to hear all these appeals, and they are going to see in this pocket maybe there is problems here. They are going to present to the State Board of Equalization a proposed plan. Now the State Board of Equalization can flip their nose and their thumb and wiggle and say, nice try, we are not going to look at it, but I will tell you, this commission is, when it gets up and going, is going to be able to put some history and some information because they are going to have all those things to give that preliminary plan of equalization to the state board. And they may well say, now, look, you know, you don't need to go and make a wholesale change of valuation for a class. What you really need to do is surgically go in and make them redo this point or that point. And so, to the extent I can't do anything with the State Board of Equalization unless the Constitution changes, this does provide for an informal plan that is submitted before the State Board of Equalization meets and I think the State Board of Equalization is going to have to answer why don't...why isn't this a good plan. To that extent, that is where you put the pressure on the State Board of Equalization.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now Senator Robinson also...did he ask you if you knew how many cases a district court handled?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, and I don't have a number on that.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, you know, if this was going to lessen the load on the district courts, maybe we can look back at additional district court judges also and help ease the pain of the revenue for this? Do you suppose that would be possible?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, you know, those numbers in questions we talked about earlier in your speech are starting to rise. Obviously, you factor...it is all fairly relative, you know, and I will tell you that I think you will find most district courts