

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I know you are.

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SENATOR CUDABACK: Maybe I heard you wrong but did you say that we should let the Secretary of State determine what we are saying in the statutes?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In a sense, not totally certainly. We are defining in here what the things are that will constitute a valid registration. What I'm suggesting to you is that because of a number of court cases over the years and the different kinds of interpretations that there are some exceptions for instance, the Secretary of State might choose to tell all the county clerks and election commissioners that if there were certain nicknames which were prevalent, which are normally used, which everybody understands what names they represent, then that might be acceptable as a name, like Jim for James, for instance. And I'm suggesting that rather than trying to closely define this, which we can't do, I don't think without going back and looking at all the court cases and all those kinds of things, that we should leave the ultimate decision in the Secretary of State's hands. And if there are some very broad, common exceptions that the Secretary of State can notify all county clerks and election commissioners of those so that they can use those in their guidelines, so that everybody is interpreting the same. That's my main goal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, I guess I might have misunderstood you. I think the point is that we must say what we want him to interpret. I don't think we should leave it up to the discretion of the Secretary of State, although we do trust ex-Senator Moore, but I don't think he probably wants to make that determination either. I think we should state what we think it is on this one here. I've been on the county board for about 12 years, I have walked into the election commissioners