

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR HALL: ...I can understand saying that the county assessor cannot hold the office for five years. But why are we penalizing the deputy who again could just be acting under the order of their supervisor, that being the county assessor. You're saying that this individual cannot hold that job for five years, even though it's not an elected position.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, if they're lost their certificate, that's...I mean that's the penalty for losing your certificate.

SENATOR HALL: So in other words there's no ability to retain that or regain that certificate for five years?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, see what used to happen was that, or at least was envisioned when I was doing it, that you'd take somebody's certificate, and if you didn't place some period of ineligibility, the county board would turn around the next week and say, oh, you're appointed back again.

SENATOR HALL: And I understand that, but...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that's the game that got played.

SENATOR HALL: ...there's a big difference between a week and five years. And I'm thinking about somebody who may have served in this capacity for a number of years and has no, really, other option for employment. I'm just...I'm concerned about the five-year time frame. When you remove it...you don't make them eligible. It doesn't say here that their certificate is necessarily removed for five years, it says that they will not be eligible to hold that office for a period of five years.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sorry, Senator Hall, I was discussing the matter...

SENATOR HALL: No, that's fine, and I apologize. I...the question is, we don't say that the individual has lost their certificate for five years, we say that if they lose the certificate, for no matter what the time period is, that they aren't eligible to hold the office for a period of five years. So in other words, their certificate could be reinstated, but yet under this we don't allow them to hold the office.