

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, the office of the assessor, that's correct.

SENATOR HALL: Well, okay, and that's my point is that the assessor or the deputy assessor.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well...and I'm looking at...well, I guess I could look at either language. But what it's saying is that if that person is not eligible to hold that office, now the office...the only office that we're talking about is the assessor, that's the elected office.

SENATOR WESELY PRESIDING

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: So I'm the deputy assessor, my certificate is removed, and then it's reinstated a year later. Okay. I couldn't run...the vac...the seat or the office of county assessor is vacated because the individual retired. I would not be eligible to run for that office, even though my certificate had been reinstated, for five years?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't know the exact answer to that. I don't know that there's ever been a ruling or an interpretation of that. My plain reading of it, Senator Hall, is that's probably right.

SENATOR HALL: Is that what we want to do, and if so why?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR HALL: Because I agree with the plain reading, that's how I read it, I mean...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: My response to you is that this isn't a new concept in law. What I'm doing is trying to accommodate and say, look, if we want to basically have the same powers, this commission needs the same powers that the...that was available to the commissioners before, and you're trying to copy the same powers. What I'm trying to do is get a transition here to this board. So I give them as near identical powers as I can. As to why the law was originally put in, I don't know, we could probably look up the legislative history to that. I'm just saying that it's not like I'm creating something new. To the