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be determined. It may be 2,000, 3,000 registered voters as a trial would be a reasonable basis. But I would oppose the amendment as proposed to have no limitation whatsoever.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett, on the amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Senator Warner, can I ask you your wisdom on this?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Would you see this with starting at the 5,000 level and see how it works, is that what you're...is that what you said, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, yes, Senator Hartnett, except I would...I would be supportive of a smaller number than 5,000 that related to registered voters only because that's much simpler to determine. I don't know that you could necessarily determine a population of perhaps a sewer district, for example,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR WARNER: ...a census track wouldn't necessarily follow it. Registered voters would be very simple, but I would rather see it on some of these smaller issues to start with, personally.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And I guess I raise the question when it's, you know, with Senator Schimek about the 5,000 because in the...you know, in the area that I live, you know, is...as the bill is originally written, you know, it's...it doesn't have any, you know, impact upon, you know, I'm thinking of...I live in, or used to live in an SID that was bigger than 5,000 people. But talking back there, that's, you know, our SID, which we have done by mail ballot to elect the board of directors, is not affected according to the people behind the glass. So I guess I raise the point is that what is, you know...maybe we need to start at a lower level, see how it comes and come back. And I don't know how many special elections. That's what, you know, I think Senator Robinson raised, you know, how often does, do...or would this be allowed to do. And so maybe, you know...even though I raise the question, maybe we need to take one short step to see how it works and kind of have a little history on it