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SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, a suggestion that we had, Senator Kristensen, would be the abandonment of the plan, when...effective rejection or resubmission. The wording that, and again this is something, as you know, is subject to statute. But it would be if the proposal to abandon the plan of government provided in this act is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereupon, it shall go into effect immediately, insofar as it applies to the nomination and election of officers. The other is that if the proposition to abandon the provisions of this act is rejected by the electorate, it shall not again be submitted within that county, within two years. Now that says beforehand, you know, that if...if the county commissioners wanted to do it, you know, one of the ways it could work, and the voters of the county said, no, we don't want to do this, then you couldn't submit it again for two years. Then you would need a plan, and I'm not too sure if I have that in this. But, yes, you would definitely need to be able to have a plan whereby the people said this isn't working and we don't like it. The whole point of this is to allow the autonomy and the flexibility for county government to be able to operate in whatever their particular realm is, and what's best for them.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I appreciate the desire for flexibility, and that's the reason I asked the question, is that if you have a vote and county doesn't put in how are we going to get back out of it, because, quite frankly, everybody is going to be in a rush to become more efficient and everybody is going to want to do these sorts of things. They're not going to think about...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...if there's going to be a problem and how to get back out. Much the same way of counties, in the constitution right now, if you have a 50 cent levy limit, you get to vote to exceed that. You know the issue has always been, w 1, once you exceed it, what happens if the taxpayers want to go back? How long is that worth...or how long, legally, is that good for? And so that's the reason I asked the question as how do you get back out of this. I don't think you can get in, constitutionally, and allow yourself a statutory way back out, because I think somebody will have a good case to say, look, the