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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I don't believe that's a correct construction, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So it doesn't mean that you could consolidate.... Okay. It means you could consolidate everyone of these offices under one person.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Or some of them, or some of them, all of them or some of them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Under one person.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct, if they met the professional qualifications.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who would determine that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The professional qualifications, if there are any, are set in statute. For example, a county assessor has to pass an assessment test that's given by the Department of Revenue. The county engineer, I think there are separate statutory qualifications for those.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And none of that is being touched by this bill?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, it is not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if you had one person with all those, who could meet all those qualifications,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you could eliminate all these offices.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You could combine the offices.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In effect you would eliminate them, though.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You combine the offices in one person.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then...