

SENATOR SCHIMEK So that...that...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that would give the people in my school district about a year from the time the Governor signs the bill, probably, or a little less to decide whether they wanted to have a special election.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It...it might even be closer to two years because...I can't remember how quickly you have to get that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I'm sorry, it would be two years.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You're probably closer to 18 months because...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yeah.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...you've got to have a period of time, is it four months prior to the election, if I remember the election law correctly.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right, right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: So then you're backing yourself up into February of '98, and this is March of '96, so it...it's somewhat less than 2 years, but it's close...it's a period of time, yeah.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That makes me feel a lot better. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Pedersen. That will not be necessary, yours is the last light, Senator. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, members of the Legislature, I think the point of the amendment has been clearly stated. I think it's clear in everybody's mind what is happening, basically I'm asking for a safety net, I'm asking for a safety net with regard to one particular political subdivision, the schools, for the reasons that have been stated, that they are the least protected and the most affected by this particular package of bills, that they are the institution that