

my time to Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This would actually be a short amendment were it not necessary for something that is very technical but cuts "acrossed", as you can see, several sections of existing law. The technical aspect is that in various places in state law we require an officeholder to reside in the county for which they serve. The technical part of the amendment addresses that issue when you have an officer who is elected to serve more than one county. Let's say, I almost hate to bring this up after the discussion on the last amendment, but a county superintendent of schools. (Laugh) Senator Beutler, I'll acknowledge this has a little bit to do with schools. At any rate, the county superintendent under existing law would be required to reside in the county. But if they're serving more than one county, which is the county? So the amendment simply says that in those circumstances they have to reside in a county for which they're elected to serve, in a county for which they're elected to serve. But that, as I say, cuts across several sections in the law and makes the amendment look more lengthy and serious than perhaps what it is. There are other changes. Section 2 removes what is essentially redundant language, simply inserts the word "final" for a much longer series of words which amount to the same thing. The other changes, I think, in Sections 3 and 4 and 5, 6 and 7 are essentially...and 9 are essentially E & R matters. The other one that is substantive I think Senator Warner alluded to that in subsection (8) and it simply says that if there is an assumption of the assessment function by the property tax administrator, and remember that would be on request of the county, it's not required, that would be on request of a county, if there's an assumption of the property tax...of the assessment function by the property tax administrator that the term of office of the incumbent county assessor terminates and the county no...need no longer elect a county assessor pursuant to the sections concerning election of county assessors. I think perfectly common sense, but it was omitted. I think it makes the bill work and hope that that explanation is adequate for the body's consideration of the amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the opening on the amendment. For discussion on the