

legislation then is to have an escape clause that said after so many years then they could come back with a plan or a petition to do away with it. I will tell you of all the statistics that I've found there's been one case of a county administrative form of government where it was discontinued and then they went back to it again.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But I guess my question really was in the neighborhood. Constitutionally, we say you get into these things by a vote, and then we're silent as to how you get out of them constitutionally. So we could pass every statute and the issue really becomes, well, this is a constitutionally created body or administrator, and that that has a superior protection, in other words we don't allow for a way out. That's been a problem we've had when we've gone to increase the levy limits how long is it for, and if you want to get back out of those levy limits, and our courts never answered that question, and that's been a problem for us. And I appreciate your response, and I just make that observation, if this is ever adopted, that mechanically somehow I got to make sure you can get out of that. The other part that I guess, and this is a general observation again in the form of government, is that what we're doing in 292 is encouraging people to merge and have their functions. You'll see in the very first page of this amendment that we're allowing for the merger or consolidation of county functions. But any of those mergers and any of those consolidations require a vote of the people to do that, in other words the people have got to approve that particular change, in other words doing away with a county office, merging that county office or doing something with it. When you adopt this form you will basically do away with that provision, because it will be much easier to have one vote that won't be as controversial, it will be a lot easier to vote for an administrator, then let the administrator go ahead, or the county board go ahead and make those consolidations, those mergers, make those appointed officers without having to have a vote of the people to do that. And it's a buffer, it's an easier way to do it. And I... One of the philosophies that we had coming out of the Revenue Committee was that we were going to allow those consolidations and mergers to take place, but they were going to have to have a vote of the people, and that the people were going to have to say yes, I don't want a sheriff, or I don't want this particular office. If you allow for the administrator form, I'm just saying I think at this point in time, after we've had some time to study it, that it