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each one of the fire districts, if they choose to participate. That's the choice that they have. There will be an officer or somebody that will be in charge of keeping track (inaudible) the points of whoever it is. Then at the...if the person qualifies, then that information, the number say from Bradshaw are sent, or say from Bellevue is then sent to...the number is sent to the Fire Marshal. And he will...and also because we put this...have to keep track of the names and so forth, so he'll have to also...But he would give the number, say the number, to me there's about...I heard the number 10,000 volunteer firefighters in the state. I think about half of them will qualify. So he would say that half qualify, so that would be 500 (sic). That number would go to the Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee will consider that number, it's...can...they can contribute up to \$100. At the local level they have to contribute up to \$100. So then...the money then at say that...say that from your fire district there is 10 people qualify, then that district would send \$100 in for each of those 10 people. That money would go to the State Treasurer. And the list of people would be sent from the State Fire Marshal to the Retirement Committee (sic), and from the Treasurer would be invested by the State Investment Officer. And so...but they have to have ten years. And so that would be the process that would go through each year. Locally, they have to contribute \$100, at the state level, Senator Wehrbein has stated, you know, it's a new program, they can contribute up to \$100.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. I have a couple questions also on the forfeiture issue.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: For instance, what would happen if a person would leave early or move from that community where he served as a volunteer?

SENATOR HARTNETT: That...that would be that he would not...he has to...to be vested, I guess, or whatever the term is,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...he has to have ten years of service. And