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up that confusion and allows them to be elected at large. The last part is an amendment that was submitted to take out the part that talks about that they have to be...there was some confusion about that says they have to be elected by wards and this merely clears that up so it makes it more simple to understand, and that's really what the bill does. It's all technical in...in its body and I would ask that you would advance the bill to Select.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Chair recognizes the Chair of the Government Committee to introduce the committee amendments. (AM0972, Legislative Journal page 1255, First Session, 1999.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This amendment is fairly simple. It does delete Section 12 of the bill which specifies that the governing board could submit the question by a majority vote and this would be stricken from the bill. It's pretty simple. I don't know if I need to offer any more of an explanation or not. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We debate the committee amendments. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Schimek what the committee amendment does by striking Section 12.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let me ask first, what does Section 12 do?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Section 12 in the bill says that by a majority vote of the governing board or by petition of the registered voters any city not under a home rule charter, village, county, or school district nominating and electing members to its governing board at large may at a general election submit the question of nominating and electing members to its governing body by district or ward.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, why is that being stricken?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Um...