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had indicated that...that raising the salary of the clerk of the district court was perhaps not altogether a good thing, but the only other thing I wanted to throw in on that particular question, Senator, is keep in mind that for most counties there will be some savings from the state picking up these costs. The county always has the option of either reducing property taxes with those savings or, if they wanted to try to improve the salaries of other county officials they could always do that and mitigate or even wipe out any salary problems they might have. So they're going to have a number of options here and I just wanted to let you know that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schmitt and Senator Beutler. Senator Kristensen, on LB 414.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler, we had discussed briefly. I had a few questions, and I know you've been busy. I would appreciate just some dialogue on mechanics here, if you'd respond.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hum.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, please, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. My first question was in Section 1, and Senator Schmitt touched on it briefly, where in those counties of 7,000 or less the county board and the judges of the district court shall determine whether the county shall have a clerk. Mechanically, how does that happen? Is it a...is it a meeting that occurs and if they...they both have to consent, both entities? Is it a vote of the majority of the people? Is it in some mechanical, let's say that you've got three district judges and you've got seven board of supervisor members and you've got ten people in the room, does it take six of the ten? How would you envision...if there's not agreement, how does that work?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, Senator, let me say this. It's my understanding that that's existing law and, being existing law,