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SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think that's what this language means, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So no matter what the situation is in the county, regardless of what local effort they may make, we're going to give each one of them the resources to do this completely at the state level. I mean we're passing...I understand it's federal funds, so we would be passing through the federal funds, but the amount of federal funds that we would pass through would be the equivalent of holding harmless the counties in enacting this?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I believe that is the intention. And if I just might use an example, I just mentioned to Senator Stuthman that there are counties that...or maybe it was to you...that still hand count their ballots. There may be a reason why some of those counties would like to be able to go on line and to interact with the Secretary of State's Office. In that case, I think some of those funds would be very well used to do something like that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, as a result of this bill, you don't expect counties to pick up any additional expenses for anything related to the requirements of the bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I can't think of any, Senator Beutler, and...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I would check with the Secretary of State's Office, but I really don't think they envision that either.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator, thank you. Just in making a final comment, let me indicate that I have concern for the counties also, not in the event that there's money from the federal government, but in the event that there's not money from the federal government. If we get involved in a \$23 million project and we're not careful about knowing that that money will be out there for sure, I don't want to be in a position where we've taken some of the money, then we're obligated to follow through with the rest of the mandates, then the rest of the