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if the district comprises more than one...or, more than two counties, then there would be a requirement that there be at least 25 signatures from at least two-fifths of the counties. So that...it's not required that there be 25 signatures in every county; rather, from two-fifths of the counties. Without the amendment, the same criteria would apply, except that the number of signatures required could exceed 1,000, and there would have to be at least 25 signatures from every county in the district. So in some sense, this softens the requirement for a person to get themselves petitioned on the ballot to run in a regents race. Again, there's a cap of 1,000 signatures, and 25 signatures from each of two-fifths of the counties in the district. So I urge your amend...or, your adoption of the committee amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. If Senator Raikes or Senator Stuhr would like to answer a question. I should have asked this in committee. But it has dawned upon me that we have a regent now who is an appointed regent. As a matter of fact, to name names, his name is Jim McClurg, and he took the place of Jay Matzke. Does that mean that if this bill would pass, would Mr. McClurg have to run for a two-year term in the year 2004, November of 2004, and go through the primary next year? Can you tell me how that would affect his appointment?

SPEAKER BROMM: Are you asking Senator Raikes?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Whichever one has the answer.

SPEAKER BROMM: Whichever one has the answer, please raise your hand. (Laughter)

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be Senator Stuhr.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, Senator Schrock. The way the bill is written, it would pertain particularly to this candidate, in the