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township boards. And there are only about 30 counties left that have a township form of government, and most of them are in the northeastern part of the state. There has been efforts in the past to eliminate the township requirements in some of those counties. But that has never failed...it always failed to get enough support. This is...this bill, as I said, was brought to me by the Secretary of State. There has been confusion in some of the townships on getting enough candidates, and the votes being so small. They thought that this was a way to simplify that. And I don't believe there's any partisan politics in township governments, in my opinion anyway.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'm sorry, Senator Stuthman. It's your time.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I just have a real concern about this, just because we're going to be changing the method that these townships are doing it, just by the number of votes and the popular...how popular the individual is on receiving the votes. And I'm really concerned about this. And in my opinion, what we've got working now is sure workable enough. And I rise in total opposition to this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Jones, on advancement of LB 461.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, could I ask Senator Janssen a couple of questions?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you respond to a question from Senator Jones?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: I did serve as the treasurer on my township board for 20 years before I came I down here. And every once in a while, we would have a case where there was no candidate even put in for the other two positions, and it ended up that the county clerk appointed the one that was on there that...and made him continue. Now, how does that affect that on something like