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Chambers.    Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:    Mr. President and members of the body, I am a little interested in this, because I did have a problem in my district with a sheriff that run for election and then had trouble getting everything done at Grand Island that he was supposed to on the test down there.    Could I ask Senator Hudkins just a question on that?

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Senator Hudkins, would you respond to a question from Senator Jones?    Senator Hudkins, sorry to bother you, but would you answer a question from...

SENATOR HUDKINS:    Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    ...Senator Jones?    Thank you.

SENATOR JONES:    Yes, does this change the certification time?    I realize that a lot of times in the small counties there would be somebody elected as sheriff, and you know, they still have the eight months to get their...everything done at Grand Island as far as passing the test and everything.

SENATOR HUDKINS:    No, that would not change.    And that was an amendment or so ago.    The bill originally said that they would have already had their training.    And some of the smaller counties came forward and said, you know, I can spend the time and the money to go, and then I wouldn't be elected anyway.    So we said, okay, we can see that.    We don't necessarily agree, but we'll let you not have to have the training.    But at least you have to have the background investigation and pass the test, to prevent...oh, there's...I've got a newspaper article somewhere, talks about the various counties, and unfortunately some of them are the more rural counties, where the sheriff candidate who was then elected could not pass the background check.    They would take the test again, and did not pass it again.    Or there was one particular case where the candidate went out to the training center, and it was found with the background check that he was a felon from another state.    So we want to at least eliminate those problems.