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SENATOR FLOOD: Well, you put that "Flood control" on me, and now I'm trying to figure out how to get around it. I'm...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laugh) Okay.

SENATOR FLOOD: A suburban fire district or...as defined here on page 3...or 2, line 14, does have a body that elects its officers. Does that make sense?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, what constitutes a rural fire protection district?

SENATOR FLOOD: They're just like any other political subdivision. I mean,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they...

SENATOR FLOOD: ...my explanation is correct that a rural fire district or a suburban fire district has the same rights and responsibilities as any other political subdivision, with certain taxing authority. If they need to do a bond issue to get a new fire truck, they do a bond issue to get a new fire truck, and it's taxed...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...the property tax owners in that district.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who draws the boundaries that comprise a rural or suburban fire district? How are the boundaries determined?

SENATOR FLOOD: I think they've been determined for some time. But I would assume that the county has the ability to draw the districts of a suburban or rural fire district.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the only persons elected are whom?

SENATOR FLOOD: In a rural or suburban fire district?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.