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And the reason for this is because of the growth in some parts of the state, such as Douglas County, Sarpy County, between the primary and the general election. The number is so large that what we are trying to do is make the lines shorter. So in order to do this, the election commissioner or county clerk would talk with the...or discuss with the Secretary of State, get permission to do...to divide that precinct. And it could not...it's sort of a check and balance. They all need to be in agreement with this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, if you would yield a couple minutes of time, I wanted to get a better understanding of a couple of parts of the bill, or the committee amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Certainly.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I wanted to direct your attention to page 3, Senator Flood's contribution to the bill. And perhaps I should address the question to Senator Flood. I would invite his comment, too, obviously.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Are you talking about page 3 of Flood's original bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry. Page 3 of the committee amendment, which we're...which is before us now.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And I'm talking page 3, at the bottom of the page, not the numeric pagination on the left side of the...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...amendment. It's Section 5, which starts