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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's correct, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And I'm sure I don't fully understand this concept of satellite voting. But when you say "other than polling places established," this is not to allow a substitution of one polling place for another, or an overriding of the election commissioner's polling places; but when we say "other than," it means "in addition to?" Is that...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In addition to, exactly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that accurate?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's accurate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So do...if they...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...have polling places in addition to, do those polling places have to be approved by the local election commissioner? Would it make any sense to have some required coordination with the local election commissioner?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I believe that what this section says is that the Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate the rules and regulations that would allow this to happen in the individual counties. And then it would be up to the individual county clerks or election commissioners to decide to have satellite voting places in their county.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So it's not intended that the Secretary of State could impose this system on any election commissioner?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No. That's not my understanding of it, anyway, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So if that...if there was an amendment to make that clear,...