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LB 682

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And can you give us the time frames to do this?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, under the Redfield amendment, it...there would be a 90-day time frame, but you would actually only have about...I think about 25 days in which to gather your signatures.

SENATOR BOURNE: So and how many signatures are we talking about? How many votes were cast in a particular congressional district for the Governor's race?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's right, and I think it runs somewhere around 1,500 to 2,000 maybe. This is a guesstimate.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And those are registered voters, so you'd need to gather...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...1,500 to 2,000 signatures in 25 days?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. The idea for LB 682, I know that you've served on commissions along with the Secretary of State on ideas on how to enhance voter turnout and things of that nature; is that where this idea came from?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, it isn't. Actually, I think the Governor's office and the Secretary of State's office both approached us. Or maybe it was the Governor's office first. But then our three offices worked together on putting the language into this bill.

SENATOR BOURNE: Are you...do you intend to support the Redfield amendment?