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LB 682

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I want to thank Senator Schimek for supporting the amendment to return the bill for our discussion. And we will, in fact, if this motion is successful, have some time to answer all questions. What I will tell you is that most of the discussion we've had so far are about elements of the bill which we are leaving intact. The only difference in the amendment that I have proposed before you is that rather than someone who has, in effect, lost in the primary election being able to come back and put their name on the ballot again just by filing and paying the fee, this would require that they would have to go and get signatures and get their name back on the ballot by petition. That would apply to all candidates. We would have to treat everyone the same. So that's the essential difference. And then, of course, that requires that we change the time frame from 60 days to 90 days, allowing them 25 days to get the signatures. And then, of course, the Secretary of State's Office would have to verify those signatures. So that is the only change that I am proposing in LB 682. Instead of allowing a person to put their name on the ballot during other times of vacancy before August 1, instead of just paying the fee and filing, they would have to petition on with signatures. That is the essential element of the amendment, and I hope that you will return it to Select. If you have other questions, we can address them during that time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the closing on the motion to return. The question is, shall LB 682 be returned to Select File for a specific amendment? All in favor vote aye; those opposed to the motion vote nay. We're voting on the question of whether to return LB 682 to Select File for a specific amendment or not. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Redfield would offer AM1325.