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last November election and proposed three districts with two members representing each district, one of each district elected at each election cycle. Unfortunately, this does not mesh with the even/odd scenario laid out in our statute. What AM1315 proposes to accomplish is to remove the even/odd language currently in the statute and, instead, provide that approximately one-half of the members are elected at each election. Evenly populated districts are maintained through other statute provisions, but some flexibility is provided to political subdivisions on how their districts are to be drawn. The statute currently states that districts or wards shall be created no later than October 1 in the year following the general election at which the question was voted on. I also want to point out that because the other sections of LB 566 have an operative date of January 1, 2006, Section 32 would become operative three calendar months after the adjournment, and allows the city of North Platte, the school district, to handle this issue at their September meeting, thus complying with our current statute. I respectfully request your support. Thank you. This is mainly a clarification to allow a six-person school board district election that will allow them to have a division to provide for equal numbers at the alternate elections. You know, I would be glad to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. You've heard the opening on the Pederson amendment, AM1315. Open for discussion. Senator Pederson, there are no...Senator Pederson waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM1315 be adopted to LB 566? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the adoption of the Pederson amendment, AM1315. Have you all...voting on AM1315, offered by Senator Pederson to LB 566. Members, have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Pederson amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, the next motion, please.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend, AM0993. (Legislative Journal page 1528.)