

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, are there to be nine members on this commission? How many members are there to be?

SENATOR WARNER: Seven. Seven. You've found another wording that might imply nine?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Let...maybe I'm...okay.

SENATOR WARNER: If there are, obviously, that should be revised.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I am not...I couldn't find a number but...and maybe I read it too swiftly, but on page 28, when the Governor reappoints within 45 days, for the initial members, two shall serve for terms of one year, two shall serve for terms of two years, that's four...oh, and then three shall serve for terms of three years, so there would be seven, and the chairperson would be designated from among those seven. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Now to get to the question that I wanted to ask, on page 29 where we are talking about the balance that is sought to be achieved, political party affiliation and these others, it seems to me that political party affiliation might have to be the first one so that there would...what would there be, a five-four split if they are just going to look at the two major political parties, or exactly how is that language to be construed?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, it, what it says is that these are things that ought to be considered and attempted. It does not spell out as a mandate, but it is what should be considered. Party affiliation is one. There are at least three affiliations recognized by statute, could be an Independent, a Republican, or a Democrat. Conceivably if a group qualified to have, under the laws to be...to have a primary, there could be others, at least one I suppose would be, but it doesn't say they all have to. The gender is fairly easy.