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committee amendment makes a harmonizing change to make the filing deadline coincide with the change proposed in the bill. The committee amendment also adds an operative date of January 1, 1997, and that was put in there because of the, those people would have to file by February 5 of...excuse me, February 15 of this year so it would not work out. That was the reason for the operative date change. I would urge the adoption of the amendment. I would also like to say that Senator Stuhr has not filled all the qualifications for being a CL either. Thank you. Please move the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Robinson, you want to close on the amendments? He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 967. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Stuhr, to open on the bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members of the Legislature. I'll just reiterate what Senator Robinson said. The purpose of LB 967 is to move the election of school board members of Class II school districts. And Class II school districts are those with a thousand or less inhabitants and that they maintain both elementary and high school. And what we're doing is changing the election from the May to the general election in November. Currently they are elected, Class II board members are elected at the May primary. They do not undergo a primary. And then they are seated in June. And school board members that are seated in June are immediately forced to face budget issues for the upcoming year. And sometimes they have had no previous experience serving on a school board and are overwhelmed, I think, and confused by their responsibility. So what we are suggesting is that we move the election to November. Right now Classes III, IV, V, and VI school district board members are elected in the general election in November and then are seated in January. By seating the board members in January, they will have more time to get