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more efficient and to do things together and to work out things and to find efficiencies. And the third part of this bill allows, under certain conditions, the merger of the offices of clerk of the district court and clerk of the county court. In all of the counties in this state there are now essentially two different offices. And we know and the court administrator's office has indicated that it's possible to have some efficiencies if there were a system whereby those offices could be consolidated by the judicial system. And so this bill provides for that mechanism. And there are certain requirements in order to exercise that consolidation function, one is that there has to be a vacancy occurring, either in the office of the clerk of the district court or the clerk of the county court, so that when this consolidation takes place, there's not somebody who is currently an office holder who's thrown out of office. So the first limitation on the consolidation function is to be sure that a vacancy, or to require that a vacancy exists first. The second one is to require a consolidation plan. And that consolidation plan, it's the responsibility of the judges, and it's their privilege to make up the consolidation plan and say how it is they want things to be consolidated. And the third requirement is the Supreme Court approve that plan. Now the judges, the district judges, that is, were not completely pleased with the idea that the Supreme Court would be doing the approval. So we put in an amendment pursuant to their suggestion that the approval be not only...that was required be not only the approval of the Supreme Court but all of the judges of the district, a majority of the judges of the district would also have to approve. So, there is no shift of power to Lincoln or to the Supreme Court. It's a situation where both entities that are involved, the Supreme Court, who already manages the county courts, would have to agree, obviously, and then the local judges would have a veto power over the consolidation if they didn't want to consolidate. So there's no forcing of consolidation on the...on the courts of the...on the judges of the district. So that was one area of discomfort that the district judges had, and we made that change. I doubt if most of the judges that have called you know that that change has been made. But it has been and it's a fair system now the way it works out. Now the other problem that the district judges had was that in a situation where the courts...the two clerk's offices were merged, in that situation where there would be one