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constitution sets the requirements, and the Legislature cannot add requirements that would disqualify a person who meets the requirements laid down by the constitution. And being a member of the Bar Association, even having gone to law school is not a requirement to be Attorney General, just as it is not the requirement to be a lawyer to be on the United States Supreme Court. There have been times in the past when more than one lawyer of a given political party was interested in running for Attorney General. But because it was partisan, one would back out and let the other receive the support of the party in terms of money, volunteers, and whatever else goes into a partisan campaign. This bill, if enacted into law, would in no way diminish the power of the Attorney General. It would not detract from the office, and it would take away the appearance, which often develops, of impropriety, the appearance that a particular attorney general is trying to help a governor of his or her party, a senator, perhaps, of his or her party, or ruling a certain way on an issue that will help his or her party. I'm going to listen to the discussion and have my mind open. If somebody can show me where having the Attorney General be a partisan person helps to advance the purposes of that office, then I will say that person would have a valid reason to vote against the bill. But as I've mentioned on many occasions, a senator does not have to have a reason for voting yea or nay. That's why the constitution says that a legislator cannot be called on to answer in any other place for anything said during debate, and that has been expanded to say official activities of the legislator, such as, committee work. So what I'm proposing here is that the partisan label be dropped and on the ballot there is no designation of the person as a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or any other party that might get enough signatures on a petition to participate in elections and have their designation put on the ballot. In the primary, there would be just the Office of Attorney General and listed would be all of those persons who had filed for the office. In the general election, the top two persons would then square off, and the one who got more votes than the other would be Attorney General. I hope you will view this bill with enough favor to give me at least 24 votes in addition to mine.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator, thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, your light was on from the part...okay. Senator