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Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Senator Schimek, AM1726. (Legislative Journal page 1746.)

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on AM1726.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. This will take a little bit of explanation, but I must tell you that this is primarily a clarification kind of amendment. And what it does is it, it says that the Interlocal Cooperation Act and Joint Equity Act to clarify that municipal counties are able to enter into these agreements with other entities as part of this. Language is removed requiring the IPC to specify in its plan how any sanitary and improvement district would operate in the municipal county. This language isn't needed now because, as you remember, the SIDs remain separate from the municipal county according to the amendments that we did on General File. Thirdly, this amendment does amend the dissolution section of the bill to mirror and be consistent with the creation of the municipal county. And as you remember, probably, hopefully, on General File we did some amendments. And so what happens here is that the IPC, which is formed to study the dissolution of the municipal county, will have to have between 9 and 21 members, just like it did for the formation of the municipal county. It removes language requiring the IPC to form to study the dissolution of a municipal county, to specify in its plan how any SID would operate in the municipal county. Because again, it's apart from the municipal county now, as amended on General File. It would say that the municipal council and the IPC are required to hold a public hearing in each proposed county and municipality, prior to the submission of the issue for a vote. Again, like we do for the formation, we also have to do for the dissolution. So it's mirror language. There is clarification on how the vote is tabulated when a municipal county is dissolved. Each proposed county and municipality must vote in favor of dissolution for the municipal county to be dissolved. There are several amendments which clarify how nonmerged municipalities and SIDs will pay the municipal county for services. There is a provision added which allows disputes