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SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes it does.

SENATOR STROMER: Also then, at present do most of our county clerks have the man power to initiate a full challenge system?

SENATOR ANDERSON: If a full challenge system were initiated it would require more likely than not the hiring of additional part time personnel for probably on a week, a week sometime preceding an election, it just depends on the exact details of the challenge system that are worked out.

SENATOR STROMER: Was this tabulated as part of the cost?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Yes it was.

SENATOR STROMER: Also, is this the result of some recent court cases, of suggestions of change for the challenge system or for the purge law?

SENATOR ANDERSON: I didn't understand your question?

SENATOR STROMER: Okay, was the initiation of the bill as a result of some court, some recent court cases challenging the purge system, or the purge law?

SENATOR ANDERSON: The answer to that question is no. This particular bill was introduced for a couple of reasons, one is the immediate problem which Douglas County is facing is that they don't want to have their challenge system disrupted and the other reason of course is simply the objection we have on the merits of the purge itself.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

CLERK: I have an amendment on the desk.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and also Senator Anderson, I wish I could have talked to you prior to your bringing this bill up on general file, and I'm sorry I didn't, but during this last election, it became very apparent to me, that the one county that I ran in was absolutely in need of an election commissioner. This was getting completely out of hand, as far as the work was concerned of the county clerk. We did a pretty fair job, I shouldn't say we, my wife did a pretty fair job of campaigning, and we used voters registration lists, and this was one of the most surprising things we had gotten ahold of in a long time, because we did take those areas that were quite close to us, where we were quite familiar with the people. Now we had a personal mailing to every registered voter in my district, and we went through those areas in those precincts that were close to us, and it was amazing the number of people who are still on those registration that we knew were deceased, that have moved, and that had changed from one ward to another, and had never been changed on that list. Now what provision are you making now, and I realize you say something is coming in a year from now, but it still could be introduced this year by 30 votes, and I don't think people would object to that. Have you thought or are you just thinking about making something that will correct these situations. Actually at the present stage of the game you could almost vote in two wards and never be discovered any different, not that people would do it, but we do need to do something to get these registration lists straightened up.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Senator Duis in answer to your question, number one you mentioned the problem of voting in two wards.