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which would go from presidential election to presidential election and the reason for this being the most number of voters vote in presidential election years. And so, what I'm doing here is there have been court cases in other states filed on this law and I'm trying to also find a way without the expense of the challenge system to provide-- to meet, you know, what the challenges have been provided by the court and yet offer us the protection against the voter fraud.

SENATOR STAHMER: Now, I would like to ask you, do you think it is too expensive to have a general mailing go out once every two years? Do you think that's too expensive to find out whether the people living in a residence? Isn't that what chiefly what we are trying to do is find out people who aren't living within a district?

SENATOR STROMER: It is my understanding of the previous laws we have passed, this still would not outlaw that in case, where we have the County Clerk who could still do it. But I think one of the problems we have there, Senator Stahmer, is in the fact that when we do have a mailing we still aren't guaranteed that that person who sends that card back is the person who is returning the card. This happens many times and I think that a verification of this, I don't know how great it is but I know, I think that a check with the Election Commissioner's office in Douglas County we'd find that particularly in the apartment house complexes that they find that the people will return the cards anyway whether there is somebody living there or not.

SENATOR STAHMER: My point was that if the general mailing went out first class and I would assume that if a person didn't live there it would be returned to sender when that is so indicated.

SENATOR STROMER: Well, I think that they have found that it doesn't always in all cases.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, I wouldn't say it would be a perfect system, but I think, rather than be purging people just because they don't vote in two elections which seems to me to raise more problems than you are solving, I think a far easier way would just be to have a mailing. I think this would eliminate nine-tenths, at least, of the people who have moved and/or died. Their names could be stricken and then if they come to register it could be taken care of.

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