

to set a certain percentage of the votes cast that they have to receive. Not a simple majority can be retained but perhaps 75% of the votes cast, should have to go in favor of retaining that judge. Now there are some people like me who vote no on the retention of every judge. Just to let him know that there are people who don't think that he is perfect or infalable. On the other hand most people will vote in favor of. So we can say as a rule of thumb that 50% of the people who vote on judges wouldn't know the man if they saw him. In fact they have no knowledge of the kind of decisions that that judge renders so they just cast a yes vote automatically. so we have given the judge 50% of the votes. Then we should require that he gets 25% of the thinking vote that is cast. When I say 25% of the people who vote are thinking that is an over statement. For the sake of establishing a formula I would ask Senator Luedtke, is here? Senator Luedtke would you be opposed to having this bill amended and I don't know if it could apply to all judges who are facing the people to be retained or not, amending the bill to say that the judges must receive 75% of the vote...

SPEAKER: Excuse me, Senator Luedtke, you and Senator F. Lewis...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't mind, we get along well, we sit on the same committee.

SPEAKER: I'm worrying about you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be opposed to 75% of the people casting votes being necessary for judge to be retained?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I would not oppose, in fact this has been suggested. That we have a certain percentage. I don't know wheter 75% is right or not, but some percentage I think would be very good.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How about 74½%? If I offered that amendment on Select File so that we can do something with the bill now when way or the other then Senator Stull would you support an amendment like that? Alright, that is all that I have to say, Thank you Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I would urge the acceptance of this bill and to include the county judges in the same system as the other judges of this state. I have for a long time personally observed the political process and particularly with regards to judges and I find that it is probably the least desiriable method available for selecting judges. In that, it is very...a great deal of criticism of the legal profession and of the close knit relationship between judges and practicing attorneys. I have found that the electro process when you force judges to seek their position through a vote of the people that they end up primarily relying in political area on practicing attorneys. This results in of course a natural indebtedness to those attorneys that have benefitted them thoroughout the political campaign. This furthers the imbreeding that we find undesiriable in the judicial process and that relationship perhaps to intimate between attorneys and judges where they should of course be more removed from those