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with them. Now, Senator Warner, as you may know, the Democratic Party has a habit of changing the formulas every four years whether we need to or not, sometimes every two years just to make sure we have a change before a convention, and that is where we are finding ourself, we need to make these changes and they are as a result of the national rules.

SENATOR WARNER: The question I am trying to ask and I have no disagreement with what either of the parties have to do to comply with their national rules but for either party to use this act as it now stands, they can do anything tentatively whether there are national rules that require change or not, right?

SENATOR NEWELL: Any party could, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: Whether their national rules required a change or not?

SENATOR NEWELL: That is correct, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: In doing your committee work, did you look into the possibility of restricting it to only when their national party required certain provisions to be met as opposed to having it this way?

SENATOR NEWELL: It was talked about. That is something that is, you know, very difficult to.....the idea here was that the parties should make the decision as to how their delegate selections...that there is a prescribed way of electing delegates presently on the ballot and that is presently on the ballot in a prescribed legislative way, and that if for other reasons the party should decide to opt for a different thing, they must do so before January 15th. We did not specifically discuss making it a requirement of national guidelines for a number of reasons because we weren't sure exactly if you could do it just peg it to that one thing or if we would have to peg it to a whole lot of other things, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: One other question, then I will get off. Who determines the rules of the political party or how are they determined?

SENATOR NEWELL: You mean, the rules, they are determined in a number of.....

SENATOR WARNER: The new language in subsection (2). It says