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the census are taken decennially, which means every ten years. The last one was taken in 1970, and they will redistrict as to the 1970 census as they would in every other district or every other county in the state. So what happens is that we are not going to be adding any additional dollars with this bill the way it is presently written. All we would be doing is drawing the districts as to the 1970 census and then there will be another redistricting that would take place in 1982, which is three years away, and that would be the results of the 1980 decennial census.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you have additional comments before we vote on this?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, this amendment is, you know, puts it off for two years, maybe three years. Basically, the situation is that its anticipation of the census. I don't exactly understand what Senator Pirsch's desires here are, if they are to save...Senator Pirsch, let me ask you, if I could. What is the purpose for this? I know what you want to do, but I don't know why you want to do it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh. There is no ulterior motive. It's simply to eliminate the cost in the preparation of doing it now and then redoing it in the decennial. We have gotten along without this and I think two more years would not...we're not in that big a hurry since it's so close.

SENATOR NEWELL: What is the additional cost, Senator Pirsch?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Pardon?

SENATOR NEWELL: What is the additional cost? I can't see any additional cost in doing this now as opposed to waiting until the new census comes in.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well just the setting up of the whole thing.

SENATOR NEWELL: It only takes the Election Commissioner about, you know, I would think a day maybe less than that to make sure that the districts...the Election Commissioner and the County Board making sure that the districts have the even numbers of population as to the 1970 census. There's no redistricting involved. There's no other costs involved. It's just a matter of residually doing it.