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election every other year without any real control by the people and could get to be rather an expensive exercise in a board that wants out from under a lid. Am I wrong in that?

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Murphy, it says a majority of the board has to make this determination. If that board is sensitive in terms of expenditures and the pressures of the public, it is unlikely they might get that majority. Not only that, but you mentioned a moment ago about the accountability and a lot of people not running for office because of that, and I will tell you this there's a lot of people not running for school boards any more either because of all the various problems that they are confronted with and the hours they put in for nothing.

SENATOR MURPHY: I think the answer to my question was yes. Is that true?

SENATOR KOCH: There is a possibility that if they were... no, I'm not going to indict all boards of education, not at all. I know too many of them in this state and they are honorable men of integrity. I get a little tired of some people whipping them all the time around here when they have a greater responsibility in many cases than you and I do here. I don't think they will misuse it at all. It gives them an option providing they can get...in a six-man board they would have to have a majority of that board say, we want to go to a vote of the people to repeal this.

SENATOR MURPHY: This I agree with, Senator, but I am just trying to establish the fact that that board can, in fact, subject that district to the cost of an election every other year, by a majority vote or otherwise.

SENATOR KOCH: They could, but I doubt that...I doubt there would be many boards do that.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate.