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these warrants under the current system so that the election commissioner puts people in the field, they are conducting elections and for their work they receive a warrant for which they must wait two and three years to redeem for money. The Douglas County Election Commissioner, Lee Terry, felt this was a most inappropriate way since it put him behind the eight ball with the people he was recruiting to do this work because those workers weren't being paid. He has decided that his office can assume those responsibilities, pay those people and then charge the SID for the cost of the election, and that is what LB 359 seeks to do. Now the bill that we have here, these amendments are a substitute for the bill that was initially introduced because that one covered all areas of the state and in our public hearing that we had this session we agreed that we would try to apply that first of all only to the Douglas County area since that was the one area that had been asked to be put into the bill. I can tell you subsequently that Lancaster County has also asked to be placed in the bill. Sarpy County which is the third largest county with SIDs has asked not to be placed in the bill. They are not prepared to accept the cost for their county election commissioner and, therefore, following the adoption of this amendment, we will have a second amendment that will place the limitation at counties of 100,000 or more which will cover only Douglas and Lancaster County. I move the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you have a second bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment to Request 2526. That is offered by Senator Landis, Hoagland, Newell, Beutler and Fenger.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Can we take that up at this time, Mr. Speaker, because by doing so we will be able to handle everything at one time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR LANDIS: There had been as a reaction to Request 2526 several suggestions from a variety of Senators. Senator Fenger, Senator Newell, Senator Hoagland, Senator Beutler, all had some changes. I have incorporated all of those and rather than forcing me to go through four or five amendments, I have placed them in one. You will find them in the Journal. Dick, the page number of that.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 952.