

taken care of in the fact that it is 30 days from the time that you register to the time you vote. Residence is not a voting privilege, it is not a registration privilege, it's a voting right and if it's not here, off the top of my head, although I will check, it is because the residency requirement is met from the time of sending in the form and the time of the election. You realize that there is about a 30-day lag in there and I think that may well meet our residence requirements in this state. But I will check on that, Tom.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. What about the question about the political party? What happens if they want to register as an Independent? When the question is formed to them, which political party are you affiliated with, does that give them the ability to write in Independent if they so choose?

SENATOR LANDIS: That...it does not, but an amendment offered by Jacklyn Smith will indicate...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...Democrat, Independent or Republican with respect to that provision and I think that should take care of your problem in that situation. If you don't designate either one or the other, the election commissioner will conclude that you are an Independent and be treated as an Independent. So with respect to how it will operate, you don't circle Democrat, Republican or Independent, you actually make the choice, do you choose to affiliate with a political party or not? If you don't, you're an Independent.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, and you will check on the question of whether or not the residency requirement is being met?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sharp-eyed, good, yes, I will.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I understand we have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend the committee amendments. (Smith amendment appears on page 1595 of the Legislative Journal.)