

become the bill. Currently, the SID elections are held in September. Currently, in counties under 100,000 the folks running the election are required to send a notice to residents of SIDs prior to the election, letting them know an election is coming up. Currently, that day requirement is 20 days prior to the election. One problem with that filing deadline to run for an SID office is 30 days prior to the election. Notice is sent out 10 days after the filing deadline. What we do with this bill, the major concern of this bill then is to change that notification date to 45 days so that anybody interested in running for an SID...position of SID trustee, can have that information in front of them at least 15 days prior to the filing deadline and can make an intelligent decision as to whether or not they care to get involved. The other change that we make is a fairly minor change in the manner in which SIDs pay the election commissioner for conducting these elections for them. We ask...we stipulate that it be a payment in some form of cash as opposed to a warrant sort of payment. Again, this was a concern election commissioners were having with these SID elections. With those, I would like to urge you to adopt the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote. Advancement of the bill (sic). Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President and members of the body, once again, basically what you did is you gutted the bill as it was introduced. The explanation I just gave for the committee amendments now become the explanation for the bill. It changes the filing deadline, excuse me, changes the notification deadline and the method for paying for these elections. If there are no further questions, I will take Senator Vickers' advice and close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the advancement of the bill. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.