

CLERK: 812, Mr. President, introduced by...excuse me, introduced by Senator Barrett. (Read title.) First read on January 8, referred to the Government Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 812 is a bill by Senator Barrett. It requires county officials who may now run for an office in a county that they do not reside in, upon winning the office, be required to move into that county. And it says that you can be a nonresident when you file for office but you must move into the county prior to taking office. Now the difficulty is with respect to the committee amendments that filing fees are paid to the office in which you reside so it is possible to have a filing fee be given to a county by one of these nonresident county contenders, not to the county that is in essence holding the election but to that person's own county residence. So the filing fee paid by such a candidate, a nonresident candidate, prior to filing for office, is to be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which that candidate is seeking the office. That is the committee amendment. I would move for its adoption.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Now Senator Barrett on the bill as amended.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I was quite surprised in looking at the statutes recently that only the county board members and county assessors must be residents of the counties in which they are serving. As a result, LB 811 was introduced to provide that the county officials must reside in the county in which they are serving. It is simply that simple. There is some question about public defenders which Senator Miller has raised and we have discussed the matter and will, if necessary, take care of that matter on Select File. I would move that the