

certificate of election or not. Would that be correct, the way the bill is now drafted?

SENATOR CONWAY: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah.

SENATOR CONWAY: Do you want me to expound on that a little later or now or whenever?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Go ahead.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Bernard-Stevens pointed out and I alluded to when I opened that LB 5, I believe, which he introduced, had a little different twist to it and I've been wrestling with it myself and still need to give it some additional thought. And it's the amendment that he is alluding to, and that being that in that format it was such that if a person still lived in a district and did have a certificate of nomination after coming through a primary and was still in that district, that those people would not have to get the petitions circulated, they are already on the ballot and it would only be additional opportunity for those to come on. Versus the way the bill is now, it says we basically negate those...that outcome of that election because it is a new configured district and then everyone, regardless of whether they came to that primary now because the district has changed, has to get the petition circulated as well. I'm still wrestling with that from a philosophical perspective and I appreciated Senator Bernard-Stevens bringing it up because I think we all need to think about it and then possibly a Select File amendment would be the time that we have given it some real thought because I don't think it has great implications but it may and it may be something that's worthy of considering to decide whether or not somebody who has been through the primary should go through the petitioning process or whether what they went through in the primary, in and of itself, was sufficient to be on the ballot.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, thank you, Senator Conway. A couple points I would like to make along that line. Number one, if the body chooses to make a change that affects a...that adds people to a district that is having an election that we need to have a petition process bill passed. If we do not make a change for some reason and in an odd district add people and/or just make no change whatsoever, then there would be no need for this