

1 adopted by the County Council, and request the General  
2 Assembly grant to it the new local tax power requested.

3 This is a workable method by which the counties  
4 can approach the General Assembly. It provides a  
5 clearer and more desirable method for introducing such tax  
6 legislation of the General Assembly.

7 At present there are nine counties, and in  
8 the future, with a smaller and reapportioned General Assembly  
9 as we have already provided for, there will be even more  
10 than nine counties without their individual representative  
11 here in Annapolis.

12 It will be difficult for those counties, if  
13 not impossible, to attain from the General Assembly  
14 those tax powers necessary to fund the more extensive  
15 and new functions and services which we hope that the  
16 counties will indeed extend to their citizens by virtue of  
17 this local government article, and that is the thrust of  
18 this local government article.

19 In addition to which, this compromise proposal  
20 will provide considerable disability and responsibility at  
21 the local level for the imposition of local taxes.