

Now, this gets to be a problem because, as I said, our intention here was just to say who was eligible to vote, to be sure that in order to vote in a county election you be a resident.

I suggested that this is really the concern of the local government or the governing body in terms of their charter or their election procedures. I do not know what problems you run into, for instance, if a county does divide itself for the purpose of electing people to their local governing body, the County Commissioners, or whatever it might be.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well, are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

Delegate Bamberger.

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: I am concerned by the Chair's statement of the intention of this, and by the Committee Chairman's explanation.

As I understood the Chairman's statement, the intention of this was to provide that, where officers are being elected by countywide electorate, residence in the county would be required. It is, of course, possible that there are county officers who are not elected on a countywide basis. I am not quite sure whether the proposer of the amendment intends to mandate that a county shall not have the right to decide that there is a requirement of residence in a particular county district in addition to residence in that county.

THE CHAIRMAN: I stated it as I did in referring to countywide candidates because that was what I had understood to be the purport of the amendment.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: It is the intention of the movers of this amendment that in order to vote in any county election, and this includes Baltimore City, you must be a resident either of the county or of Baltimore City in which you vote.

It is not the intention of the movers of this amendment that this precludes or permits. It leaves it up to the General Assembly to provide sub-districting of legislative districts within a county or within Baltimore City.

In other words, if you vote for this amendment, it is not intended to preclude Baltimore City from having legislative districts or Baltimore County or any other county from having legislative districts.

THE CHAIRMAN: And may I add, if I follow you, that it is not intended to state either that residence or residence in a legislative or councilmanic district is required or is not required?

DELEGATE CARSON: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. It would be up to the General Assembly or local governments to decide that, and this would be neutral so far as that is concerned.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does that answer your inquiry?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 18. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your vote.

Have all Delegates voted? Does any Delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 78 votes in the affirmative and 44 in the negative, the motion is carried. The amendment is adopted.

Delegate Bamberger, is your amendment to section 5 printed?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: In view of the hour, and I take it that amendment may require some explanation, we will take it up after the recess.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of the Whole rise and report that it has not yet concluded consideration of Committee Recommendation E&S-2.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

All in favor signify saying Aye. Not in favor, No. The Ayes have it, it is so ordered.

*(Whereupon, at 1:05 P.M., the Committee of the Whole rose, and the Convention reconvened.)*

*(The mace was replaced by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*