

THE CHAIRMAN: The Pages will please distribute Amendment D — "D" for delay. This will be Amendment No. 3.

For what purpose does Delegate Ulrich rise?

DELEGATE ULRICH: A personal privilege.

At this time I would like the Committee of the Whole to welcome my bridge playing partners, of whom I have been very neglectful, lately, Mrs. Culver Windsor, Mr. Windsor, and their friends Mrs. Robert Lee and Mrs. Lee's daughter, Mary Lee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kahl.

DELEGATE KAHL: On behalf of the Convention, I would like to express sincere best wishes to Miss Susan Phillips of the Associated Press, who is celebrating her 21st birthday today.

*(Applause.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read Amendment No. 3.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation EB-2 by Delegate Johnson:

On page 1 section 4, Attorney General in line 11 strike out the words "must be a citizen of" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"shall have been a qualified voter in".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been submitted by Delegate Johnson, is there a second?

The amendment is seconded.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman and ladies and gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole: This is a very simple amendment to bring the office of attorney general in line with the qualifications for the office of governor, lieutenant governor and comptroller.

I submit that there should be no difference between the qualifications with respect to the office of attorney general than with respect to any other offices in the executive branch.

If this amendment is adopted, you will see that it will require — to be eligible for election as attorney general — a person shall have been a qualified voter of the State, or voter in the State, and a member of the bar of the State for at least five years.

I would like to point out to you that under our existing Constitution, section 4 of Article V, an attorney general must not only be a citizen but must also be a qualified voter, and in addition to those two provisions he must also be a resident and a practicing attorney for a period of ten years.

Under the majority Committee's Recommendation it is possible, although admittedly unlikely, that an individual need not be a qualified voter to run for the office of attorney general, and consequently unable to vote for himself or herself.

I urge the adoption of this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor?

Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to this amendment. I do not know whether any other members of the Committee have, but unless there is some objection from the Committee, the Committee will accept this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other member of the Committee object to the amendment?

Apparently not.

Delegate Dukes.

DELEGATE DUKES: Delegate Johnson, does "qualified voter" mean you have to be a registered voter all that time or you just have to meet all qualifications regardless of whether or not you have registered?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: It is certainly my own opinion, although this particular provision in this new constitution has not been defined I believe it has been defined heretofore, and I would say that "qualified voter" means a registered voter, that one must be a registered voter.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would comment that is the intent of Committee Recommendation S&E-2.

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

Ring the quorum bell, please.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Committee Recommendation EB-2.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 3. A vote No is a vote against.