

Section 12 continues the constitutional provision with regard to vacancies in the office of the state's attorneys.

Section 13 continues the constitutional provisions with regard to treasurer and comptroller until the new comptroller goes into office on January 6, 1971, with his new duties.

Section 14 is a conforming provision with regard to the Board of Public Works and the Board of Review which provides that the Board of Public Works will continue until its functions are taken over by the Board of Review.

Section 15 and thereafter deal with the judicial branch. Section 15 is a provision copied right out of the present Constitution, providing that courts created by our constitution are courts of record and have a seal.

Section 16 is a provision to make it clear that references in the constitution to the Court of Appeals will mean the Court of Appeals under the new constitution, and so forth. This is just technical.

Section 17 continues the appellate circuits set up in the old Constitution.

Section 18 is a conforming reference to judicial circuits.

Section 19 continues a constitutional provision with regard to the Superior Court in Baltimore City.

Section 20 is a constitutional provision with the duties of the clerk of the Superior Court in Baltimore City.

Now, section 21, and I think this is a very important section if you will give me your attention, is taken from amendment measure of the Legislative Council and sets out salaries which will be proposed across the board for the four-tier court system. I hope you will take a close look at that.

Section 22 is the same Legislative Council proposal with regard to judicial pensions. Also, it is an attempt to set in a dollar amount with respect to these pensions. There is not contemplated any basic change in what we expect to exist this year.

Section 23 is the present law with regard to pensions of spouses of judges.

Section 24 covers a judge who will retire prior to the effective date of the old Constitution and continues his pension by express legislation.

Section 25, I think, is self explanatory. It deals with the terms of the initial members of the commission on initial disabilities. You will remember those were to be stacked or to be set up in staggered terms.

Section 26 continues the People's Court of Baltimore City because it was a constitutional court in the old Constitution.

Section 27 is the same for the Municipal Court of Baltimore City.

Section 28 continues the old Constitution with regard to the old court dockets and files.

Section 29 continues with regard to vacancies in the Orphans' Court.

Now, if you will give me your attention on local government, we have here some very important provisions.

In section 30, there is a discrepancy between the blue sheets and the white memorandum. If you will take a look over at the white memorandum you will see that the references are section 28, section 29, and so forth, page 28 of the white memorandum. On that page, page 28, where it says section 28, change that to section 30.

Change section 29 to section 31.

Change section 30 to section 32.

Change section 31, to section 33.

Change section 32 to 34.

And change 33 to 35.

That is on the white memorandum. In other words, they are all two numbers off.

Now, I want to point out in section 30, we have set out a suggested way in which counties can adopt a charter. Old Article 11A of the prior Constitution had a very, very complicated and time-consuming method pursuant to which counties could adopt a charter. You should read section 30 very carefully because it provides that the Board of County Commissioners may appoint a charter board and if this charter board comes in with a charter, this charter is put before the people. I think it is a good amendment to provide that this charter board can be supplemented by proposals from the public by referendum, and I think you will see that at the time. Our purpose here, however, is to have legislation on the books on July 1, 1978, pursuant to which charter boards can be created, and in this section we would expect and hope that the several counties that do not now have charters would immediately commence a procedure to get a charter.