

The two-consecutive-term limitation on holding the office of Governor is desirable because it mandates the development of new talent by the political Party.

Section 4.04 Lieutenant Governor

It is most important that the draft requirement of equivalent qualifications for Lieutenant Governor and Governor be retained, since the Lieutenant Governor would succeed to the office of Governor should it become vacant. I also subscribe to the prohibition against a Governor who has had two consecutive terms, immediately thereafter holding the office of Lieutenant Governor because of the danger that two strong political figures could play "Alphonse and Gaston" with these offices.

Section 4.05 Election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor

It is worth noting that at no point in this section is reference made as to whom should elect the Governor. While this omission is no doubt predicated upon the presumption that the election of a Governor is so obviously the right of all eligible voters throughout the State, I believe belaboring the obvious is in this instance warranted and that a specific stipulation should be written into Section 4.05.

Therefore, the first sentence of Section 4.05 should be amended to read, "The Governor shall be elected to serve for a term of four years . . . by those voters qualified to vote in State elections." You will note that I have avoided saying simply "by the qualified voters of the State" because of the possible confusion in interpreting this section with Section 2.02 which qualifies certain State residents to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, or Presidential electors.

The mandate for single entry or joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor is at once practical and wise. This will enable the gubernatorial candidate to designate a running mate in whom he has complete confidence and who has compatible views so that there will be no policy conflict. In this way the citizens of Maryland are assured that, should the Governor they elect die or become unable to complete his full term of office, the philosophy and policies which they endorsed through their vote will be continued.

After considerable thought I have reached the conclusion that Section 4.05 should provide for the single entry election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor in the Primary as well as the General Election. There is a temptation to allow consolidation and fence-mending by not extending this requirement to the Primaries. It may be argued