

1 boards of education that have been in existence in some
2 parts of this State since 1826. I submit to you that they
3 have passed the test of time and are not fleeting flights
4 into fantasy. They have proven capable to the task of
5 adjusting themselves to many educational climates and
6 educational philosophies. They are the system and not
7 the way by which education is taught in itself.

8 The committee has been unable to obtain any ex-
9 plicit proof that an elective or appointed board is
10 superior to the other and either are more or less efficient.
11 Although a majority of witnesses spoke in favor of appointive
12 boards. We would say that by express language the majority
13 recommendation is that no local board be changed by the
14 mere adoption of this Constitution from its existing status
15 we have provided for such in our language. I might add
16 an historical note at this point.

17 The first local boards of education created in
18 this state in 1886 also provided that there should be a
19 local referendum to determine the creation of these boards.
20 We submit that in matters so basic to the educational sys-
21 tem of the State the people should have the right to