

1 good one and I would attempt to answer it in this way
2 that the local school system as provided in this section
3 could be regulated by law and again without knowing all of
4 the local refinements of the local government law as pro-
5 posed would be subject to referendum in those subdivisions
6 affected. If it would be state-wide in nature it would
7 be subject to a state-wide referendum. If it would affect
8 the local subdivision, it would be subject to a referendum
9 in that subdivision alone. The point you raise and one
10 that troubled the committee greatly in making this excep-
11 tion for Baltimore City we have in effect put them out of
12 step with the other 23 subdivisions, but I do think their
13 board having predated many of the local boards in the
14 county should be given and accorded the recognition which
15 would allow it to continue without constitutional mandate
16 and at such time as it would be desirable to make one
17 system, and I certainly wouldn't want to do it because I
18 think local subdivisions should have some flexibility.
19 That if it would be desirable to make the State uniform
20 that it should then be required that the people would have
21 an opportunity to speak upon it rather than by just a simple