

1 to a geographic spread, that not more than one-fourth
2 of the signers may come from any one county. This is
3 also twice as difficult for we have provided that not
4 more than half should come from one county.

5 I suggest that under this provision, neither
6 the ultra-liberal people in Baltimore County nor the ultra-
7 conservative people in Montgomery, or both of them combined,
8 could possibly produce enough signers.

9 These two congenial groups would, of necessity,
10 get at least two more counties to go along with them before
11 they could produce an amendment.

12 Now, the reason for this is stated rather
13 succinctly in an article which appeared in a metropolitan
14 newspaper not too far away on Sunday morning last which
15 reads:

16 "The difficulty of this method is intentional.
17 It is not desired by the sponsor that frequent amendments
18 should arise by petition. On the contrary, it is their
19 intent that amendment by the petition method should be most
20 infrequent, and occasioned only by the seeming impossibility
21 of getting the wanted change by either of the other two