

1 DELEGATE KOSS: Delegate Della, this does
2 not go in any way, shape or form to the method of hiring
3 or to the status of local boards of election supervisors.
4 In the hearings before the committee, the election officials
5 from the counties said that one of the great needs in this
6 state was for the uniform administration of the election laws
7 for the simple reason that now, for instance, one of the
8 problems that was presented to us was that each board of
9 election supervisors has the authority to employ their own
10 attorney and, as a result, on a given law affecting the
11 election procedures you have 24 different interpretations.

12 The Maryland Association of Election Officials
13 felt that it was necessary to have an agency, and I am
14 not, nor did the committee intend to mandate a department
15 at the state level who would be available to all of the
16 boards of election supervisors of the counties and of the
17 City of Baltimore to help achieve uniformity in the
18 administration of election laws in the state of Maryland.

19 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della, I think the
20 Chair could amplify that a little based on the discussion
21 before the committee and before the Committee on Suffrage