

1 to a much lesser extent to holding office.

2 The Town of Aberdeen, in a hotly contested
3 and very close election eliminated its property requirement.

4 The Town of Bel Air still has a property require-
5 ment disenfranchising all those who do not own \$500 worth
6 of assessed property. That means that most people who
7 live in apartments and don't own homes can't vote.

8 In Havre de Grace we still have a requirement of
9 ownership in property in order to be elected as an officer
10 in Havre de Grace.

11 I have no question that the vast majority of
12 people in Harford County desire the abolition of these old
13 and outdated provisions. I think the Constitutional
14 requirement that there be no such property requirement would
15 be salutary.

16 If in fact this is also the law, then I think
17 this addit ion of language would not be harmful. The Mayor
18 and Town Council of Bel Air want to see what the Constitution
19 says to see if they should do something about their
20 antiquated provision in regard to this.

21 THE PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? I think