

1 have dealt with a great many of them, particularly charters
2 of small communities on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where
3 the charters themselves either provide for no method of
4 amendment at all, or provide for a method that is
5 so cumbersome as to make it almost impossible.

6 These communities from time to time need
7 charter amendments to authorize the issuance of bonds, to
8 make needed public improvements. We do this in our office
9 all the time, draw up charter amendments to permit the
10 issuance of bonds.

11 Now, if in my judgment this section does not
12 go in, and the legislature of course would not have -- and
13 the legislature wouldn't act in this area, then it would
14 mean that these municipalities would be without a method of
15 obtaining needful funds for capital improvements that they
16 otherwise would have.

17 I know of no bond counsel in the State who would
18 pass a bond issue for a municipality on an amendment absent
19 a provision of this character until after the legislature
20 could act in 1969, and I think this would be an emergency,
21 and I think therefore the section does not fit the