

1 a statewide referendum where the result might be that the
2 people in those two counties, which are affected, would
3 be overwhelmingly in support of it, but it might lose by
4 a vote in the statewide referendum?

5 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Koss, do you desire
6 to answer?

7 DELEGATE KOSS: Well, the general rationale
8 for this was, as I pointed out before, to continue the
9 existing provisions. I admit that we had not had the
10 opportunity to hold hearings on this, but we had not received
11 any evidence either that this has done any great disservice
12 to any part of the state that had law imposed upon it,
13 which was to the detriment, and it had no opportunity to
14 so say.

15 THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Bamberger, I think
16 there is an addition which may be made to Delegate Koss'
17 answer, and that is that the whole philosophy of the
18 Constitution drafted by this Convention is to confine the
19 General Assembly to laws of statewide import, and
20 obviously such laws should be referrable only on a state-
21 wide basis. The exemptions to that principle, that is,