

1           To dispose I would trust, of the less contro-  
2 versial section of this recommendation, that is, the age  
3 qualification for both House and Senate, I would say simply  
4 that all four of the Maryland Constitutions from 1776 forward  
5 have contained identical twenty-one years of age qualifi-  
6 cations for the House, and twenty-five years of age quali-  
7 fications for the Senate, without exception in all the  
8 documents; the only really significant change was, of  
9 course, the property qualifications that existed in the  
10 1776 Constitution.

11           Now, Section 3.05 with respect to a two-year  
12 residence in the State of Maryland is a decrease of one  
13 year from the present requirement of the Constitution of  
14 1867 that one be a resident for at least three years  
15 immediately preceding his election.

16           The significant aspect of the six months'  
17 residence requirement in the senate district is twofold:  
18 There was considerable sentiment in the Committee for the  
19 Legislative Branch to have no residence requirement at  
20 all within either the senate district or the house district,  
21 and it was a rather large sentiment. In other words, if one