

1 legislators, a member of the General Assembly shall be
2 elected by the qualified voters of the legislative district
3 from which he seeks election to serve for a term of four
4 years, beginning on the second Wednesday of December fol-
5 lowing his election.

6 As I made allusion earlier, it had been the
7 practice in Maryland for many years to stagger the Senate
8 terms. We also had had some experience with two-year House
9 terms, but we have found in the little over the decade
10 that we had the four-year term that it has served quite
11 well in both the House and the Senate. One of the great
12 difficulties in imposing a two-year term upon the lower
13 House or any house as far as that is concerned is that the
14 members are always running for reelection, as is the case
15 with the Congressmen of the United States in the House of
16 Representatives. So the Committee felt that there should be
17 some period of time during which members of the General
18 Assembly should not have to worry about the business of
19 campaigning, and the four-year term for both House and
20 Senate was adopted. It seemed quite attractive. I might
21 say that Maryland shares the distinction of using the