

1 Our amendment offers alternative solutions and  
2 indeed flexibility.

3 In 55 legislative bodies out of a total of  
4 99 in the United States there are used combinations of  
5 single and multi-member districts. Maryland could  
6 do so too and still reduce the voter confusion which  
7 results from long ballots.

8 The minority proposal also permits the use of  
9 the slot system, a system which is used in 18 bodies,  
10 mostly in the Southwest, but including California, a  
11 system where if there are three member delegate districts,  
12 a delegate can run for slot one, slot two, or slot three,  
13 and the people can choose their appointments from those  
14 slots.

15 The legislature might even use a system which  
16 is in use in the lower house in Illinois, that of cumulative  
17 voting, where if there are three delegates running in  
18 your district you may cast three votes for any one of  
19 three persons, or you can pass two for one and one for  
20 another. This is the kind of a system that could help  
21 to assure these small counties representation.