

1 counties if they want to. This would mean anything that
2 you can imagine the General Assembly would want to do
3 so long as they acted by general law. That is point one.

4 The answer is no to the last question.

5 The first, I think, Delegate Sickles, that I am
6 not just making myself clear about it, there are several
7 things that the General Assembly is to do. As I said
8 in answer on someone's question earlier, within one year
9 following the adoption of this Constitution, the General
10 Assembly shall provide by public general law a choice of
11 procedures by which an instrument of government of a
12 county may be proposed.

13 This means procedures and they can put such
14 limits as they want on it. This is a choice. This is
15 what the counties themselves then pick up in selecting
16 their charters. There is an entirely different thing in
17 the next sentence.

18 It is in the sentence after next. The General
19 Assembly shall provide by law an instrument of government
20 which shall become effective on July 1, 1972 for those
21 counties which have not previously adopted an instrument