

1 section 5 of the present Constitution which requires that a
2 person have been a citizen of Maryland for ten years and
3 a resident of Maryland for the five years next preceding
4 his election.

5 The committee feels that the ten year period is
6 much too long in light of the mobility of today's
7 population and that five years is approximately that length
8 of time necessary to become acquainted with Maryland's
9 people and problems. The five year period is tied to
10 qualification as a voter rather than the establishment of
11 residency or citizenship because of the legal problems in
12 defining these terms. The date of qualification as a
13 voter is the date of registration, which is a matter of
14 public record.

15 It should be noted that these first two qualifi-
16 cations deal only with eligibility for election to the
17 office of governor. It is possible, albeit unlikely,
18 that an individual might serve as governor without having
19 met these qualifications. For example, under section 4.10
20 of the draft of the Executive Article, it is possible for
21 the president of the Senate to succeed to the office of