

1 which would permit the Court to require an election within
2 a reasonable time prior to trial, if they felt ten days or
3 thirty days prior to trial that an election would have to
4 be made, then this would be a proper regulation.

5 The decisions in this area, because of the
6 nature of the right, ~~have been~~ extremely restrictive and
7 have prohibited any regulation in this area whatsoever.
8 The present provision in Section 8 is just far too restrict-
9 ive and allows no flexibility. This provision we feel
10 would permit the right of removal which we think is a
11 valid and lawful safety valve and where a party feels in
12 a particular jurisdiction that he cannot have a fair trial
13 that he can, without having to establish this to a Court
14 **except** by way of an affidavit, that this could be regulated
15 by the Court of Appeals so that it would not be abused,
16 but it is sufficiently and importantly enough a safety
17 valve that it should be preserved.

18 While we have approved the Four-Tier System
19 we should not abandon any rights that Maryland citizens
20 ^{as} have today/unnecessary and that is why we came up with this
21 Committee amendment and that is why we would oppose Delegate