

twenty-nine. Your Committee urges that you defeat this amendment and adopt the Committee's recommendation of a more realistic standard, that being five years' membership in the bar, which is a better test of whether the man has the experience, and not sheer age alone.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in favor of the amendment?

Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: You had given us a mandate over the weekend to do a little homework. I did this, and I would like at the proper time to speak against the Minority Report. I do not know if this is a proper time, but at such time I would like to be recognized for this purpose.

THE CHAIRMAN: Other than for this amendment?

DELEGATE ULRICH: Yes:

THE CHAIRMAN: I will recognize you at what I think is the appropriate point, if I can. Does any other delegate wish to speak in opposition?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on Amendment No. 20. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment; a vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted?

*(There was no response.)*

Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 34 votes in the affirmative and 90 in the negative, the motion is lost and the amendment is rejected.

Before proceeding to a consideration of the next amendment, the Chair recognizes Delegate Fox for the purpose of making an announcement.

DELEGATE FOX: I would like to acknowledge the presence in the gallery above

the rostrum of forty students from the Mardella High School in Wicomico County. This is an eleventh grade history class with their teacher, Mrs. W. Jackson, Jr. I would like to welcome them to the chamber.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have you.

*(Applause.)*

The Chair recognizes Delegate Dulany for the purpose of making an announcement.

DELEGATE DULANY: I would like to announce that the president of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Robert McKenny, is sitting in the rear balcony.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are delighted to have him here.

*(Applause.)*

Are there any other amendments to section 5.13?

DELEGATE SOLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I have Amendment BT.

THE CHAIRMAN: Will the page please distribute Amendment BT? This is Amendment No. 1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 21 to Recommendation JB-1, by Delegate Sollins: On page 4 section 5.13 line 29 Eligibility for Appointment as Judge after the word "county" insert the words "or have his principal office"; and on line 32 after the word "district" insert the words "or have his principal office."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment seconded?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded, the Chair recognizes Delegate Sollins.

DELEGATE SOLLINS: The purpose of this amendment is to permit the nominating commissions that are called for later in this proposed article to look at a broader base of talent. Our purpose is to obtain the best judiciary and the highest quality of justice possible in the State. Residency requirements should be secondary. Arbitrary boundary lines should not prevent the nominating commission seeking the best talent to staff the bench. Where a competent and able lawyer resides in one area but has practiced for a considerable time