

have either a nominating commission or competitive or non-competitive elections for the judiciary on a statewide basis? Answer: None.

Second, what states have a nominating commission and non-competitive elections on all levels of the judiciary, but limited to certain counties in the state? Answer: One, Missouri.

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit that there has been no logical and practical reason to change our nominating selection system in this great State of Maryland.

The real question is, are you willing to take the chance and put this nominating commission on a statewide basis, and have the problem where it will not work. We submit that it will not work on a statewide basis, and that, fellow delegates, you and your constituents will be unable to do anything at all about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have now spoken a minute and a quarter.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I submit to you that, as delegates to this Convention, as representatives of your electorate, you want to provide that the governor shall be and remain solely responsible for the selection of the judges in this State.

I urge you to adopt this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Willoner.

Do you desire to speak now?

DELEGATE WILLONER: No, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Key to speak for one minute in opposition.

DELEGATE KEY: I would like first to ask a question about the Baltimore City Bar Association, and maybe if Delegate Mudd does not wish to answer, someone else would.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is very limited time available.

Delegate Mudd, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MUDD: I will be happy to yield. I do not know that I can answer the question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: My question is, how many bar associations are there at the present time active in Baltimore City?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: Active in Baltimore City, three so far as I am aware, but I stand to be corrected. I am told there are five.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: Does the list going to the governor from Baltimore City come from all five or from only one of these bar associations?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mudd.

DELEGATE MUDD: I am sure in some instances there is a list furnished by each of the five.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: I think the Missouri plan would prove an improvement to Baltimore City alone because at least there would be some togetherness in Baltimore City selection of judges. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Rybczynski for one minute.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Mr. Chairman, I would like to follow up on the discussion which I presented before about what happened in Pennsylvania.

For those of you who plan to vote against this amendment, merely on the question of politics, let me tell you who the commission finally came up with in Pennsylvania. I will read: "A third characteristic is that each has engaged in public, some in political service; one had been elected a member of the state legislature or the city council, each time as a candidate for the Republican party."

THE CHAIRMAN: You have a little less than half a minute.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Another was an incumbent deputy city solicitor who had for thirteen years served in the City's law department, a third had been a special deputy attorney general, two had been party candidates for office, a third was a Democratic committeeman, and a third was a Republican ward leader.

To those of you who are still afraid of politics remember there are a lot of ways of doing favors.

THE CHAIRMAN: Your time has expired, Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: The question of who will do the favor for someone at the lodge, who will put whom on the