

strongest possible manner to provide for a compilation and publication of the laws of this State.

Chairman Gallagher has made a great point in making sure that the laws are enacted exactly. I think it is equally important that the people of this State know what their laws are.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions of the sponsor? Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Delegate Grant, are you aware that the General Assembly in the 1967 session did provide in part for what you suggest here as far as municipalities and counties are concerned?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: I am.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: Don't you think the precedent set there will be expanded if it works well. It has not gone into effect yet, but I understand it will in 1968.

DELEGATE GRANT: I did not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: Delegate Grant, you indicated at the beginning of the last sentence of your amendment that "unless otherwise provided by law" would be the saving clause for such things as emergency legislation and early days off, and things of that nature. Is that the extent of that proviso?

DELEGATE GRANT: That is not. It says "The General Assembly shall provide by law." The General Assembly in its wisdom will provide by law, when this does not have to be carried out.

DELEGATE SINGER: I am unclear as to the extent of the conflict between your proposed amendment and section 3.17b, which provides that every law will be effective the first day of July. To what extent would this change that?

DELEGATE GRANT: This would change it to the extent that it would not be effective the first day of July. It could not be a part of this compilation and published unless the General Assembly provided otherwise in that specific case or in that specific category of cases.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Singer.

DELEGATE SINGER: This in effect to a great extent voids section 3.17b.

DELEGATE GRANT: No. This puts teeth into section 3.17 in order to give a definite date annually. It said it will not be effective unless it is made a part of the compilation and published, otherwise it would be effective on the date indicated.

DELEGATE SINGER: Would it not be very difficult to determine what date the law becomes effective? You would have to find out when it was published rather than knowing that July first or another day specific in the law was the effective date.

DELEGATE GRANT: That is the exact point of my argument. You would have to look in the publication and see what the law says. If it was not in the publication, obviously it would not be effective. You could look at the footnotes and determine what date it was published.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Delegate Grant, in addition to the various actions or laws enacted by the governmental units you mentioned, would you intend to embrace within the language of this amendment rules enacted by the Court of Appeals under the rule-making authority we have granted to it under this constitution, laws or other actions taken by multi-county governmental units under this constitution, executive orders or proclamations of a governor in connection with the reorganization plans as we have previously provided under this constitution, and laws enacted or having the force of law through the action of a reapportionment or redistricting commission?

THE CHAIRMAN: Your time has expired. Just answer the question, Delegate Grant, as briefly as possible.

DELEGATE GRANT: The answer would be, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very brief.

Does any delegate desire to speak in opposition?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, and ladies and gentlemen, the Committee on the Legislative Branch was not unsympathetic to Delegate Grant's proposal when we had it before us. However, after giving it considerable time and as a result of his kindness in attending our Committee meeting and discussing it with us, we did consider it but decided unfavorably. I think there are two reasons. One is that we doubted the wisdom of having this as a constitutional provision. The General Assembly could itself and has already em-