

have a question of Delegate Case, which I would like to ask.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone desire to speak in favor first? Delegate James?

DELEGATE JAMES: I just want to clarify the situation on registration. By recodification of the election laws in 1967, voter registration was standardized throughout the State.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition? Delegate Weidemeyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Mr. President and members of the Committee, Delegate Case is one of the most intellectual men that I know and one of the finest gentlemen in this Convention. But with me, I think, on this motion to reconsider, he has already lost his case. If he were coming into my county, I would say that an intelligent man like that ought to be voting over in the other county where he knows what he is voting about and not waste his intelligence in my county.

On the other hand, if it were a candidate coming into my county and he did not know what was going on there and did not know what he was voting on there, I would not care if he ever voted in my county. I have to be against this amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case, will you take the floor to yield to a question?

DELEGATE CASE: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gleason.

DELEGATE GLEASON: If I understand the purport of Delegate Marion's question, if the James amendment is successful, and it strikes out the last sentence of this section and, as I understand his question, if a person in fact moves to a new district after the registration books are closed, you have effectively deprived him of his right to vote in all offices, federal or state. Is that a correct conclusion?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: No, Delegate Gleason, as I tried to make clear, his place of voting is where his residence is when the registration books were closed. So in the case postulated by you, he would have lived in his former residence at the time the books were closed and he would be able to vote there.

In other words, in that situation he would go back to the old stamping grounds and vote there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have a further question, Delegate Gleason?

DELEGATE GLEASON: No, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: If I may ask Delegate Case a question, please, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case, do you still yield to a question?

DELEGATE CASE: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: With the advent of electronic devices and computer registration, is it not conceivable that the time of registration could be reduced to as little as three days with a central agency and a central list so that all of the registrations throughout the State would be in one major listing?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: I am certain that anything is possible that the General Assembly sees fit to do. What I sought to indicate by my reference to electronic equipment was that I would visualize a time when every voter would be on tape which would be retrieval information and the process of taking your vote off the books in one area and carrying it in hand to the books of another area would be done away with and what would happen would be that the supervisor of elections in Baltimore County, if you were going to Harford County in the little example I gave, would push a button in Baltimore County and your name would be immediately enrolled in Harford County.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: Then if the General Assembly changed the registration date to three days prior to an election, it is conceivable that that would be all that would be necessary for one to register to vote?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: This would be true.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the motion to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 5 was rejected. If the motion is carried, Amendment No. 5 is before you. Otherwise, not.