

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Assuming that the subject matter does not come up at the request of any other delegate, I will withdraw it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well.

Are there any further amendments to section 1?

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Mr. Chairman, would it be in order to ask a question of Chairman Koss in relation to section 1?

THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

DELEGATE CARSON: Delegate Koss, I note that nowhere in section 1 is residency within a county required for voting in a county election. Will you comment upon this?

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think that kind of question at this time, after full presentation of the report, is proper.

If you have a specific question, I think you should address a specific question to the Chairman.

DELEGATE CARSON: Delegate Koss, did the Committee intend that the General Assembly could provide for county residence to be a requirement in order to vote in a county election?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: The requirement is House of Delegates district. Now, in addition, the Committee assumed that the process of registration would be carried out on a county basis as it now is, and you would register in the county in which you resided, period.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Well, Delegate Koss, I am not clear. I do not want to muddy the waters, but do you intend by your recommendation here that in order to vote in a county election, for example for county commissioners of Harford County, that a person has to be a resident of that county?

DELEGATE KOSS: Absolutely.

You would have to be a registered voter in that county in order to vote in county elections.

THE CHAIRMAN: If the Chair could paraphrase the question, I think what Delegate Carson is asking is this: if you have a House of Delegates district which embraces parts of two different counties, the

voter resides in the district, but not in county A, is it the intention of the Committee that he would be able to vote in county A?

Is that your question, Delegate Carson?

DELEGATE CARSON: That is, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Absolutely not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson. Her answer was absolutely not.

DELEGATE CARSON: Madam Chairman, I take it that is the intention of your Committee, but you have not stated that specifically in your language, have you?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: I would have to agree with you, we intended to, and again this was probably an assignment to the Committee on Style and Drafting, that the title of that section would make it clear that we intended the eligibility in terms of voting in county elections.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Would you be agreeable then, if the Committee on Style would insert a requirement in language that in order for one to vote in a county election, one had to reside in the county?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Carson, the Chair thinks that is an assignment far beyond the scope of the Style Committee and if you think that is a matter that needs to be incorporated, then I think it should be submitted in the form of an amendment so that the Committee of the Whole can pass upon it.

I suggest to you that it is possible. I am not saying that this is the interpretation. It is possible to interpret section 1 and 6 together as indicating that the General Assembly shall have the power to resolve the kind of problem that you have just mentioned.

That may or may not be desirable and, therefore, I do not think it is solely a matter of style. I would suggest to you that if you think it is important, that you see Mr. Benson and have an appropriate amendment drafted and we will come back to the section before we conclude consideration of this recommendation.

DELEGATE CARSON: All right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidmeyer.