

what your amendment does is remove the four-year election law as we have had it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: No, I do not see any conflict.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins?

DELEGATE ADKINS: I should like to ask the sponsor of the amendment if it is quite clear in his opinion that under the last sentence it would be possible for the General Assembly to provide different times for elections in different sections of the State. It seems to me this could be read in the conjunctive, meaning they would have to establish a consistent rule. I would like to be assured that that is not the case.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: I was listening to somebody over here and did not hear you.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your question again, Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: My question specifically is this. Is it your judgment that under the last sentence of this provision it would be possible to establish different times for elections for local elections in different sections of the State?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: Delegate Adkins, yes, I think that is possible.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Adkins.

DELEGATE ADKINS: I want to make quite clear this is the intent. It is then the intention of the sponsor of the amendment that a local election in one section of the State could be held simultaneously with the statewide election and at a different time in some other section of the state. In other words, there is no requirement here or under the local government article which would require uniformity in this field.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: Yes, I would say that that is correct.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Boileau.

DELEGATE BOILEAU: I note in the legislative article there was in fact a definitive statement as to the term of legislators as four years. In the executive article, in section 405, there is a statement "A term of four years, and until someone is qualified to succeed the office of Governor." Does this not mean the General Assembly could in fact perpetuate one individual in the

office of governor by not providing for an election in that year?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: I doubt that could happen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemyer.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I was just wondering if this would in any way interfere with the provisions of the county charter or charters of municipalities which provide for elections on days other than the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: I would say no.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: Up to this point, there has been no suggestion from any source that we change the four-year cycle of elections for state officials. All the argument has been as to whether the counties should have or cities should have the authority to hold their elections on a different date.

Now, is it necessary to go as far as you do in this amendment? You seem to give to the General Assembly the power to change the state-wide election.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Raley.

DELEGATE RALEY: Delegate Henderson, I do not think so. It says general elections of state and county officials shall be held in such year at such times as the General Assembly may provide by law. If you want to tighten it up in some way, I certainly would accept that. I see the point you are making.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher and Raley, the Chair would like to make this suggestion.

It seems to me that your amendment poses many difficulties, and that it needs clarification and modification.

Delegate Gallagher has indicated to the Chair that he would intend to offer his Amendment AU. Was it in the event this amendment fails?

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: No, sir, in the event it passes, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Then the Chair would have to rule that Delegate Gallagher's amendment could be offered only as