

toto directly from Article 8, section 1, of the present Constitution, and there is a good reason for this. We considered the word "State" in our Committee, and there was some thought that perhaps on reflection that the word "State" is a very ambiguous term. What is it? I do not think that Delegate Adkins meant to imply that the governor should establish or provide. I do not think that he meant to imply that the court should establish or provide. I do not think he meant to imply that the local subdivisions should establish or provide.

I think that the word "State" encompasses all these various individuals and offices and even goes far beyond that. The State is everyone, every citizen who has not been disfranchised, every citizen of the State. To open this situation to allow every citizen to establish and provide would naturally create chaos and for that reason we, after careful consideration, suggest that the words "General Assembly" be substituted for the word "State".

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Mr. Chairman, would the Chairman yield for a question?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyer, would you yield?

DELEGATE BOYER: Gladly.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: By the use of the words "General Assembly", are you alluding to the fact that they are in position to raise the budget for the money to provide for these things?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: It would remain, Delegate Della, exactly as it is now. The General Assembly, of course, under the executive-type budget that we had, would provide this in its budget. The General Assembly would scrutinize it and approve it.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: The language itself states the General Assembly by law shall establish. Does that not mean that they are in a position to raise the money even though they are prohibited from increasing the appropriations submitted by the governor?

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: I do not think that it means that.

This is exactly the same language that we have now, and with your wide experience in legislative affairs, you probably know better than most of the delegates just how it is done. It is certainly not intended that the General Assembly shall do other than it is properly doing now.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Della?

Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee on Style in line 7 on page 1 of Committee Recommendation GP-6 to substitute the words "General Assembly by law" for the word "State".

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment, that is, in favor of the substitution. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 71 votes in the affirmative and 35 in the negative, the amendment in line 7 to substitute the words "General Assembly by law" for the word "State" is adopted.

The question now arises on the recommendation of the Committee on Style to amend section 8.01 by striking the word "provide" in line 7 and the words "by law for" in line 8 and substituting the word "establish". Is there any discussion?

Delegate Boyer.

DELEGATE BOYER: Mr. President, with due respect to the Style Committee, from here on out, it would be our contention to substantially revert to the language that we had originally from the General Provisions Committee accepted and adopted and I believe which had been adopted by this Convention sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

We would prefer to keep the words "shall provide by law for" and delete the word "established".