

or 18 is two-thirds of 27, and two-thirds of the people in that house district are very likely to be in Kent County, and they are going to control the area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Bennett?

DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Gilchrist, I do not know whether you have had an opportunity as yet to read the report of the Committee on Local Government.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: I have not, sir.

DELEGATE BENNETT: There is a proviso in there, as you know, or a suggestion that there might be such things as multi-county government, and in that case, if that were adopted—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bennett, would you hold the microphone close to your mouth, please, sir?

DELEGATE BENNETT:—if that were adopted, would that not change the thrust of your argument considerably?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Not at all, sir, because this is totally adaptable to an amalgamation of counties. It is simply related to the senatorial districts.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson?

DELEGATE HANSON: Delegate Gilchrist, since we did not have an opportunity to discuss this in Committee, I wonder if it would be possible under this plan for the delegation from one large county to decide to use the four-to-one ratio and have single-member districts, and a delegation from another district, to decide for the slot system, another to prefer a multi-member system with residence districts and still another, a multi-member system with winner take all.

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Of course, the legislature is going to have to determine what this will be. You just participated in one in which you let the legislature have free reign as to anything it wanted to do with it, and this is more restrictive than that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Beatrice Miller.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: Delegate Gilchrist, you indicated in answer to a ques-

tion of Delegate Sollins that it was possible, though not probable, that all counties could be represented under your plan, using the same system. If the most unfortunate circumstances were to happen, how many counties could be unrepresented under that plan?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: If you could persuade the people of Somerset close to Wicomico and Dorchester all to vote for the same person from one of the counties, unquestionably you would have three counties unrepresented in that district. The same thing is true if you got into Talbot and Caroline, Queen Annes and Kent, but it seems to me that it is improbable.

DELEGATE B. MILLER: How many of the total would there be of such a probability or possibility?

DELEGATE GILCHRIST: Obviously you can run into a probability range that would be about 7 or 8.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the minority spokesman? If not, if he will return to his seat, and we will take up the consideration of Amendment No. 5.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

Before the amendment is read, are copies being distributed?

Please strike out the printed language "to Amendment No."

Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation LB-1. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 5 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegates Gilchrist, Bushong, Anderson, Linton, Gleason and Della: On pages 1 and 2 of Committee Recommendation No. LB-1 strike all of Section 3.04. "Composition of the Legislature" and insert in lieu thereof the following section:

"Section 3.04. Composition of the Legislature.

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the number of members of each house of the General Assembly, but the total membership of both houses shall not exceed one hundred and eighty. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the ratio of the number of members of the Senate, but the ratio shall not be greater than four to one. The state shall be divided by law into districts for the election of senators. Senatorial districts