

man, just looking at 1980 and trying to figure out the number of human beings that would be necessary under the projected population, it would appear we would have to use Kent County as the basic county with the lowest population of 18,800, so that would be the minimum one county.

Treating Baltimore City as a county, Delegate Weidemeyer, which I assume you would want to do, Baltimore City would have 50 times the population of Kent County. If you took the multiple or the divisor of five that Delegate Weidemeyer uses, that would mean that those five senators—no, it would be ten senators from Baltimore City would each be casting five votes, for a total of 50 votes, compared to the one senator from Kent casting one.

It would look, I am informed, like 234 senators in 1980. I feel this would be a trifle on the heavy side, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further debate?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 10 to Committee Recommendation LB-1. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 10. A vote No is a vote against. Cost your vote.

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

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 15 votes in the affirmative and 100 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

Is there any other amendment to section 3.04 dealing with numbers?

If not, we will proceed to a consideration of amendments to section 3.04 dealing with single member districts.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Lord. Under the debate schedule as amended he has a maximum of 15 minutes for presentation.

Delegate Lord.

DELEGATE LORD: Mr. Chairman, this is an amendment H-1. I do not believe it has been distributed, although a copy is on the reading clerk's desk.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Please mark in Amendment No. 11, to Committee Recommendation LB-1.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 11 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegates Case and Lord: On page 2 in Section 3.04, Composition of the Legislature, strike out all of the last two sentences in lines 2 through 6 and insert in lieu thereof the words:

“One senator shall represent each senatorial district. At least one delegate, but not more than three delegates, shall represent each delegate district.”

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment seconded?

*(Whereupon, the amendment was duly seconded.)*

The amendment is seconded. The Chair recognizes Delegate Lord to speak to his amendment.

DELEGATE LORD: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I would like to explain what this amendment would do and what it would not do.

Under the report as submitted by the Legislative Branch Committee, the language reads, “Each delegate shall represent one delegate district, and each Senator shall represent one Senate district.

“Each Senate district shall be composed of three whole delegate districts.”

This proposal would require Statewide single member delegate districts in every subdivision of the State.

The amendment is not an amendment that would prohibit, or indeed necessarily limit single member districts. It would simply provide other alternatives: under the amendment, one Senator shall represent each senatorial district, and at least one delegate, but not more than three delegates shall represent each delegate district.

I will now speak to the amendment.

It is the position of the proponents of this amendment that it accomplishes all of the purposes and meets all of the arguments of those people who would impose Statewide single member delegate districts upon the voters of this State, and yet it provides a better and more flexible system.

First of all, it would allow single member districts wherever this would most appropriately serve the interests of the political subdivisions and people involved.