

This is what we are proposing, and we would be quite willing to be clear about it. We are trying to get rid of an evil. There is a slight risk, but our case is that this is not a great risk, because you know perfectly well the likelihood of one filing in another area or likelihood of getting elected is not great.

But you could go from Garrett County to file in Worcester County.

DELEGATE CHILDS: That would apply also to a delegate?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Yes, it would.

DELEGATE CHILDS: One more question, please.

Is there anything to prevent a resident of Garrett County under your provision from filing for the senate in every senatorial district in the State at one time?

THE CHAIRMAN: Will Delegate Hopkins yield to Delegate Gallagher?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: I have prepared this morning, Mr. Chairman, and plan to offer an amendment which would specifically prohibit any person from seeking more than one seat in the General Assembly at the same time, which I hope will receive the approbation of this Committee of the Whole.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate E. J. Clarke.

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Mr. Chairman, if it is in order, may I ask Delegate Chabot to yield for a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate who?

DELEGATE E. CLARKE: Delegate Chabot.

THE CHAIRMAN: I do not think this is the time to ask questions of other delegates. This is the period of clarification.

Delegate L. Taylor, do you have a question to ask of the Minority Spokesman?

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Has this particular system been tried anywhere else?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: I stated in my opening remarks that this would be, as far as the state government is concerned, the state legislature, a departure. It is used in other countries and other levels of government, but this would be the first time in state government. However, we feel if

Maryland does not do it, other states probably are going to come to this because of the redistricting which we now live under every five or ten years.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of the Minority Spokesman? If not, the minority spokesman will return to her seat and offer the amendment.

Delegate Hopkins, do you offer the amendment just sent to the desk?

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I offer the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read the amendment. Will you please number it No 15. Amendment No. 15, strike out the words "to amendment number," so that it reads "Amendment 15 to Committee Recommendation LB-1."

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 15 to Committee Recommendation LB-1, by Delegates Hopkins, Sollins, Hanson, and Clark: On page 2 of Committee Recommendation No. LB-1 strike all of Section 3.05 Qualifications of Legislators and insert in lieu thereof the following section:

"Section 3.05. Qualifications of Legislators

To be eligible as a senator or delegate, a person shall be a qualified voter of the State of Maryland at the time of his election or appointment and shall have been a resident of the State for at least two years immediately preceding his election or appointment. To be eligible as a senator, a person shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, and to be eligible as a delegate he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years at the time of his election or appointment."

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment seconded?

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

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair recognizes Delegate Hopkins to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman, in an effort to leave no stone unturned in encouraging qualified men and women to file, I urge you not to leave a residence requirement which might become a stumbling block.

Finally, I should like to point out that as we move to a smaller legislature which we