

make it unnecessary for the secretaries in the various offices to prepare the additional copies, we have ordered a small xerox machine for the Clerk's office, so that although the rule will still require five copies, you need only hand to the Clerk the original. It will be immediately xeroxed to give him the necessary five copies.

There are several reasons for this, but one is, we find that the secretaries do not always take care to line up the copies, and the result is that sometimes on the third and fourth copies, the material does not end on the proper lines. So that not only is it unnecessary that you have more than one copy, but we request that you give the Clerk only the original.

Delegate Proposal No. 25. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 25, by Delegate Hardwicke. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the Constitution shall expire on the first day of January of the year 2000, unless extended by the vote of the people.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 25 is referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Delegate Proposal No. 26. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 26, by Delegate Bard. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the Preamble shall state that the people of the State of Maryland establish this Constitution to assure the good order of the State, and their liberty, health, safety, and welfare.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 26 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Delegate Proposal No. 27. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 27?

THE PRESIDENT: I am sorry; Delegate Proposal No. 27 is the first instance of a withdrawn proposal, and raises the question I mentioned yesterday. It had already been reproduced. It has not been circulated. This means simply that you will have a vacant number in your series. If you have it, I would greatly appreciate it if you would return it or leave it on your chair or somewhere. It should not have been distributed.

Delegate Proposal No. 27. If you will just take it out and tear it in half, it will be the best way to make sure it does not get mixed up.

Delegate Proposal No. 28. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 28, by Delegate Rybczynski. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that prohibits private property from being taken for public use without just compensation, including counsel fees, moving costs, transfer taxes, and settlement costs.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 28 is referred to the Committee on Personal Rights and the Preamble.

Delegate Proposal No. 29. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 29, by Delegates Kirkland and Sosnowski. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that all public institutions shall be managed by a board of regents, who shall have general supervision of the institutions, control of all expenditures from the institutions' funds, and the right to elect a chancellor who will appoint the presidents of the institutions of higher education.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 29 is referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Delegate Proposal No. 30. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 30, by Delegate Fornos. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the General Assembly shall be made responsible for the post audit of state revenues and expenditures.*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Proposal No. 30 is referred to the Committee on the Executive Branch.

I call your attention to the obvious. This, again, is an idea proposal, not a language proposal.

Delegate Proposal No. 31. The Clerk will read the proposal.

READING CLERK: Delegate Proposal No. 31, by Delegate Kiefer. Title,

*A PROPOSAL that the present Declaration of Rights, except that provision dealing with compensation for slaves, be retained.*