

use, can you give us an estimate of the anticipated cost, say within the first five years of operation of this new four-tier system?

DELEGATE MUDD: The only answer I can give is the one Delegate Bradshaw gave a few moments ago, that the information he has now so far assembled shows it would cost approximately \$250,000 more per year than the present cost to administer the court system.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw, can you respond further to the question?

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

In further response to the question, the figures we have developed from Dr. Cooper's office show that so far as the localities are concerned there will be shifted from the local taxpayers, to the state taxpayers each year to support the judicial system, including the cost of compensating the localities for existing courthouses and other court-related physical facilities, \$11,063,267 a year. That does not mean it is costing that much more. It simply means that figure is being shifted from localities to the state government.

By way of further clarification of what was said before, in addition to that figure is the figure of \$250,000 which Dr. Cooper estimated will be the additional expense involved in upgrading our judicial system and in putting it on a fulltime basis throughout the state at all levels.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: May I ask Delegate Bradshaw another question?

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Yes, sir.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Does this include the full time salaries, comparable to those in Baltimore City, for instance, at \$21,500 for district judges? Does it include those kinds of salaries? Does it include the pension system? Does it include hiring of bailiffs, which part-time judges do not now have? Does it include all those kinds of things?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw.

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: Yes, it does include all those items that you have mentioned; but, because, as Dr. Cooper says in his letter of transmittal of that data, it is difficult and was impossible within the limitations of time imposed on him to get

these figures on an absolutely accurate basis. What he did was take the cost of operating the judicial system for Baltimore City and the four major urban counties which comprise eighty per cent of the judicial business of the state and eighty per cent of the population, and use that as a norm and project these figures for the remaining twenty per cent of the population. He also took into account certain other factors, such as distance involved in, say, Garrett County, and in some areas of the Eastern Shore where he made some allowance for perhaps additional judges to eliminate some of the travel time otherwise which would have been involved.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Delegate Bradshaw, so you could help our thinking and arguments as they develop over the next few days, could you tell us now the approximate salary of a part-time magistrate in the various counties? Do not go down all twenty-three, but an average.

THE CHAIRMAN: You mean the present salary?

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Bradshaw.

DELEGATE BRADSHAW: I do not have that. We have had testimony before our Committee which shows that it ranges all the way from \$300 a year to \$2700 or \$2800 a year.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair would like to observe that that information was furnished in considerable detail in a report of the Bar Association Committee as of about two years ago which I think was made available to every delegate. If you do not have it, it would be available in the Convention library.

Delegate Rybczynski.

DELEGATE RYBCZYNSKI: Chairman Mudd, on several occasions during your address you used the word "chaotic." You referred to one magistrate. Are you suggesting that this is a prevalent situation throughout the State of Maryland, that the word "chaotic" applies throughout the State?

DELEGATE MUDD: I adopted the word from witnesses before our Committee. I have no personal knowledge of the situation in Baltimore City. That is one I happened to see in the paper. There was testimony before our Committee of justice being