

1 THE CHAIRMAN: What did they do?

2 MR. RATCHFORD: They just revised their City
3 Charter about two years ago pretty substantially.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Then what procedure did they go
5 through by way of complying with the constitutional pro-
6 vision, if any?

7 MR. RATCHFORD: The Mayor created a charter
8 commission and it was put to the City Council and the City
9 Council adopted it and put it to the voters and the voters
10 approved it.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: So, they did follow the pro-
12 cedures set up in Article 11A.

13 MR. RATCHFORD: To some degree, but the legal
14 relationship in Baltimore City is complex, to put it very
15 mildly, because --

16 MR. MELVIN: They adopted their charter original-
17 ly pursuant to enactment of the Legislature, before 11A
18 was out.

19 DR. LOEY: It is historical, that 11A differen-
20 tiates between Baltimore City and the counties.

21 MR. RATCHFORD: In the procedures, that you do