

1 the number of classes if you make provision in your con-
2 stitution simply that the Legislature may classify on the
3 basis of population, geographic location, or any other
4 reasonable basis? Wouldn't it be better to give that
5 degree of flexibility to the Legislature rather than giv-
6 ing it and then restricting it and saying that they can
7 classify only in so many groups?

8 DEAN FORDHAM: I am a little disposed to leav-
9 ing it open to the Legislature, although there are some
10 hazards in it. It tends to throw the question into the
11 laps of the courts again because the court would have to
12 say when the question was presented whether or not a given
13 classification was a rational one in terms of population,
14 for example, and if they so found, they would uphold it.

15 DR. BURDETTE: What do you think of another as-
16 pect? It occurs to me in Maryland that the most obvious
17 class one is Baltimore as it is in Pennsylvania for Phila-
18 delphia. But our situation is different. I don't think
19 Philadelphia is as strong in the State as Baltimore is here

20 I should think that if Baltimore had a good idea
21 it was going to be a class one unit of government and the