

1 it would be helpful.

2 MR. BARD: Feelings were as follows. That
3 the staggered term would present a number of advantages.
4 First, as far as the multiple member districts are
5 concerned, let us say a district such as the Third
6 District in Baltimore City where you have eight members
7 of the House of Delegates, in the primaries you might
8 well have something like forty persons running for those
9 eight jobs. You have two Senators. You could well
10 have ten running for those particular positions. Our
11 feeling was that this would cut down on the length of
12 the ballot. It would be a shorter ballot. This would
13 be important.

14 Secondly, when sharp shifts in political
15 sentiment occur during the four-year period, the
16 Legislature would be a more truly representative body.
17 That is, one half of it would come in as a result of
18 the sensitivities of the particular time.

19 Furthermore, there would always be assured
20 that there would be an experienced portion of the
21 Legislature for any particular session of the State