

1 that the language actually used in the Fourth Report
2 really doesn't convey the idea successfully, I am afraid,
3 that under the comment on Page 3 of the Fifth Report,
4 that is the comment under Section 3 that language ultimate-
5 ly if adopted would have to be rephrased, but the idea
6 of the Committee is first that the various legislative
7 districts because of necessity might not be single-member
8 districts. If a county is to be assured of one legis-
9 lator in the House, for instance, compared to Baltimore
10 City as the other extent unless you have a common denomina-
11 tor of single-member districts, then the problem is not
12 whether the districts will approximate each other numer-
13 ically in size, but whether the ratio of each representa-
14 tive per population represented approximates anything
15 the same. Now, with this in mind, it means you might have
16 one district with six House delegates and another with one
17 with a deviation of ratio of 10 per cent from the total
18 ratio of the total number of delegates in the House to
19 the total State population. This would mean that each
20 delegate might have a representative deviation if this
21 language were adopted, a 5 per cent higher or lower, and