

1 it would be interesting to note what the different  
2 eligibility requirements were.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hoff?

4 MR. HOFF: As I understand it, this motion  
5 would in effect permit an attorney from Baltimore City to  
6 be nominated or appointed as judge for Garrett County  
7 or any other county of the State, and this seems to get  
8 away from the theory that a judge ought to be a local  
9 person or at least to know and be known by the people of  
10 his community. That was the principal purpose, I believe,  
11 in eliminating the necessity of election circuitwide  
12 in the constitutional amendment of 1958 or whenever it  
13 was. Most of the State at that time eliminated the  
14 elections by circuits, and the Circuit Court judges  
15 elected solely in the county where they were known. I  
16 personally feel that to eliminate these two Sections  
17 would get away from the necessity of having a judge known  
18 by his community and known in his community.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Can you keep your voice up?

20 MR. HOFF: It might be entirely foreign to the  
21 court to which he is being appointed.