

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Are you substituting or for and?  
2 You said or other civil. It's written as and.

3 MR. CLAGETT: I mean and, and so there is no  
4 question about it, I'll reread it. I'll get the practice  
5 of reading instead of -- The General Assembly shall provide  
6 by law for the government of counties, cities and other  
7 civil divisions, and for methods and procedures of creating,  
8 incorporating, merging, consolidating, changing, and dis-  
9 solving civil divisions and altering their boundaries. No  
10 new county shall be created without the consent of a  
11 majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters residing  
12 within the area of the proposed county. The lines of no  
13 county shall be changed without the consent of a majority  
14 of the votes cast by the qualified voters residing within  
15 the area proposed to be transferred from one county to  
16 another. If the General Assembly wishes to change the lines  
17 of more than three existing counties, this proposal shall  
18 require the consent of a majority of the votes cast by the  
19 qualified voters of the State rather than of the voters  
20 residing within the areas proposed to be transferred from  
21 one county to another.