

1 THE CHAIRMAN: It doesn't change its status as  
2 an independent city.

3 MR. CLAGETT: No, it does not. Subsection (b).

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Any question about (b). Mr.  
5 Martineau?

6 MR. MARTINEAU: I believe we've gone along con-  
7 sistently here in suggesting that whenever you are giving  
8 the General Assembly the power, you always say they may do  
9 something by law, subject to veto. I assume that the last  
10 sentence of (b) would be in effect, The General Assembly may  
11 by law change the lines, but that law would be subject to  
12 referendum is really what you are driving at, isn't it?

13 MR. CLAGETT: Yes. Actually, you will see at  
14 the beginning of that sentence we say the General Assembly  
15 shall provide by law and it would continue on through the  
16 remainder of the section.

17 Now, I want to point out here, with reference to  
18 the first part of that section, that back in the First Re-  
19 port the Committee made the recommendation that the basic  
20 political subdivisions to be retained in the new draft  
21 would be counties and cities and we have provided for the