

1 I understand from this paragraph that any change in the
2 boundary lines of a county as a county would be subject to
3 the referendum you specified. I take it that there is no
4 referendum except the general referendum provision with
5 reference to the creation of a regional political subdivision,
6 amalgamation of several counties. Am I correct about that?

7 MR. CLAGETT: That would be correct. It would,
8 however, not be subject to petition, because it would be
9 subject to referendum as required here in the Article. In
10 other words, if the General Assembly wishes to change the
11 lines of more than three counties, this proposal --

12 THE CHAIRMAN: That's if you change it as a
13 county, I take it.

14 MR. CLAGETT: Yes, sir.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: If the General Assembly desired
16 to create the Eastern Shore taxing and governmental sub-
17 division, it could do so without a referendum.

18 MR. CLAGETT: It could do so, unless petitioned
19 to referendum, unless it actually affected the existing
20 county lines. If it was superimposed on top of it, it
21 would not require a referendum.