

1 taken the position to adhere to not providing for regional
2 governments and regional governments in lieu of govern-
3 mental authorities, and feeling that we are not dealing
4 with the same question that raises the objections to
5 governmental authorities as a means of taking care of
6 problems which transcend local boundaries, whether the
7 boundary be of counties or of county and municipality, or
8 whatever they may be.

9 Now, this clause I think warrants a fairly
10 careful analysis, in that you note that the General Assembly
11 may provide -- now, the word may is used instead of shall
12 and then following is this phrase, notwithstanding any
13 other provisions of this Article.

14 Now, later you will find that the General
15 Assembly is restricted from acting in relation to the
16 counties and local governments, except by general act and
17 general act is defined as being one in terms and effect or
18 where it may fall within the classifications provisions
19 later to be considered.

20 Here, however, the General Assembly may provide
21 without necessarily it being a general law, as defined, for