

1 shall be deemed to deny the political subdivisions the  
2 power to prescribe additional qualifications of voters  
3 offering to vote in local elections.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: This could be broadened to  
5 cover the matter of registration, absentee voting, et  
6 cetera.

7 DR. BURDETTE: It could be phrased in a more  
8 palatable fashion. I don't like this language for pure  
9 palatability but if it says nothing in this article  
10 would be deemed to deny political subdivisions power to  
11 govern local elections under home rule provisions or

12 some such thing as that --

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Or go ahead and provide the  
14 things we say the Legislature should provide in Section  
15 5.

16 DR. BURDETTE: Exactly.

17 MR. CLAGETT: I am beginning to have doubts  
18 about whether or not after the Legislature gets through  
19 making its prescriptions and then you come along and  
20 say that political subdivisions may make additional  
21 ones whether you haven't already put a floor under them.