

1 to abandon some of these more or less fundamental
2 things. Nineteen and eighteen years of age may be all
3 right from some points of view but not from others.
4 All this does is set a minimum standard and say that
5 you have to abide by this insofar as age is concerned
6 but not necessarily insofar as residence and not
7 necessarily insofar as other qualifications as may be
8 prescribed by the Legislature in Section 5. Section 5,
9 as I understand it, as we voted on it, is specifically
10 limited to state and national elections. So the
11 prescriptions of the Legislature in Section 5 would not
12 apply clearly but as they are set forth in Section 1
13 and so forth they would merely be minimums but not
14 subject to change.

15 PROFESSOR ASPER: Perhaps I should draw
16 back on that. The purpose in most discussion here is
17 to give you the history of this particular problem in
18 the Maryland Court of Appeals. That is that the
19 Maryland Court of Appeals has without exception taken
20 the position since not too long after enactment of the
21 constitution of 1867 that this Section 1 of the present