

1 the state and in each legislative district of Baltimore  
2 City. The representation, of course, will be equal  
3 to the number of delegates that the city or county  
4 possessed in the General Assembly of Maryland on  
5 January 1, 1967. That number has already been approved  
6 by the action of the Legislature at the last session.

7 I think an item here that perhaps will give  
8 rise to differences of opinion is providing that the  
9 delegates are to be elected from the county as a whole  
10 except in the case of the City of Baltimore in which  
11 case they would be elected from the legislative  
12 districts of the City of Baltimore. I believe this  
13 matter was before the Commission in connection with  
14 one of our previous reports. There was considerable  
15 debate about it. It was the Committee's view that  
16 we would be better able to guarantee the non-partisan  
17 basis of the election if the delegates could come  
18 from a county as a whole that once you divided them into  
19 legislative districts there was a possibility of greater  
20 political pressure by the parties in the particular  
21 county. Baltimore was treated as a special exception