

1 THE CHAIRMAN: I think so.

2 MR. CLAGETT: Because I would think there  
3 would be no useful statement. Let's dig right in. I am  
4 now referring to the Section 11.01 which is captioned,  
5 Units of Local Government, Subsection (a) The units of  
6 government within the State shall be regions, counties,  
7 and cities. (b) The General Assembly may provide by  
8 law for the creation, incorporation, changing, merging  
9 and dissolution of regions and counties. (c) For the  
10 purpose of this Constitution, Baltimore City shall be  
11 considered a county. (d) No other intergovernmental  
12 public corporations, commissions, authorities, boards,  
13 or special districts possessing the power to contract  
14 indebtedness, to collect taxes, or to collect revenues  
15 shall be created to perform any governmental function  
16 over an area smaller than the entire State.

17 No new County shall be created without the  
18 consent of a majority of the voters voting thereon who  
19 reside within the area of the proposed County. The lines  
20 of a County shall not be changed without the consent of a  
21 majority of the voters voting thereon who reside within