

1 may provide by public local law for the creation of
2 any new municipal corporations within its boundaries
3 and for methods and procedures of incorporating, changing,
4 merging and dissolving them and altering their boundaries.
5 No existing municipal corporation shall be dissolved
6 without its consent or the consent of the General Assem-
7 bly by law.

8 MR. SCANLAN: Does this mean that ^{if} the County
9 didn't provide for public local law, it would be forever-
10 more impossible for a new city charter.--

11 MR. CLAGETT: Exactly. Let me point out that
12 the Committee has gone through a real metamorphosis of
13 thinking on this one. We started out at the opposite
14 end of the pole preserving exactly the existing setup,
15 and then we moved around, and then we finally ended up
16 right where you see here. That is a considered evolution
17 of anything in conformity with what we have observed
18 taking place insofar as the transferral by the General
19 Assembly of many of its powers over the municipalities
20 to the County particularly as now by an amendment passed
21 back in 1935. No new municipality can be created without