

1 provide by law for the creation of counties and other
2 civil divisions, and here we include specifically
3 provision for regional governments and intergovernmental
4 authorities but excluding municipal corporations and
5 for methods and procedures of creating, incorporating,
6 changing and dissolving counties and other civil divi-
7 sions and altering their boundaries. So in the General
8 Assembly rests the ultimate authority insofar as
9 creation and dissolution or change is concerned. With
10 respect to boundaries, we make only a limited referendum
11 provision and as indicated yesterday, this is a compro-
12 mise among many choices and we have tried to adhere to
13 the principle of giving to the General Assembly a degree
14 of flexibility but at the moment some measure of protec-
15 tion insofar as the local subdivisions are concerned.
16 We, therefore, impose restrictions only in three
17 categories, whether a few counties are being created,
18 whether the lines of a county are being altered, consist-
19 ing of three counties or less and the third category,
20 whether more than the three counties are affected.

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