

1 counties in a class. No county shall be exempted from  
2 any public general law.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Applicable to other  
4 counties in its class. Add that at the end of the  
5 section. Any questions? Mr. Clagett, I have one concern  
6 about this and that is couched in the language which is  
7 used here, it does not to me convey the notion of  
8 absolute prohibition against local laws. Is there any  
9 difficulty in saying that the General Assembly may enact  
10 only public general laws which shall and so forth.

11 MR. CLAGETT: No, I think that would tend  
12 to clarify what the Committee is thinking here.

13 MR. MARTINEAU: Is that really the  
14 definition a public general law is one enacted by the  
15 Legislature? A public local law is one enacted by  
16 some other lesser civil division.

17 DR. BURDETTE: Not now.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think that is the  
19 definition. The definition is the area in which the  
20 law applies rather than the body which enacts it. We  
21 are saying that local laws shall be enacted only by the