

1 a palatableness, insofar as the use of this word is  
2 concerned, rather than by the use of the word charter,  
3 by the action of its own governing body or by a petition  
4 of the majority of the voters in that county.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Burdette?

6 DR. BURDETTE: I have two questions. I should  
7 like to read this Section (a) as if there were in the  
8 second line a comma after governing body and in the third  
9 line a comma after petition, so that it doesn't say the  
10 governing body has to get a petition and, so far as I  
11 know, that is the intent of the Committee, and I have  
12 another question --

13 THE CHAIRMAN: I think this is the intent,  
14 is it not, Mr. Clagett?

15 MR. CLAGETT: It is the intent.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Comma after body and a comma  
17 after petition.

18 DR. BURDETTE: That makes it clearer. The other  
19 question I have is more a matter of substance. I wonder  
20 why we couldn't allow the General Assembly to provide for  
21 more than one instrument of government or optional