

1 expense has always been placed upon local government,  
2 which means that when special elections are called during  
3 the midst of a fiscal year of local municipalities,  
4 the local governments have to absorb into the budget  
5 that is already drawn up and allocated the cost of a  
6 special election. One of the effects of this, as I recall  
7 the discussion, was that this would mandate that if the  
8 State provides for a special election, then/<sup>it</sup>would also  
9 have to furnish the cost for holding such an election,  
10 and as we mentioned before, the cost of these today are  
11 running something like \$750,000 to a million dollars of  
12 expenses, to give you some idea of one area of State im-  
13 position of expenses.

14 MR. DELLA: Where would the State get the  
15 money any more than the municipality or a County would  
16 get it?

17 MR. BROOKS: Out of its budget if it saw fit  
18 to provide for the service.

19 MR. CLAGETT: Or out of its surplus.

20 DR. BURDETTE: That is exempt, isn't it?

21 MR. CLAGETT: Specifically provided for; only