

1 THE CHAIRMAN: This was discussed very fully at
2 the last meeting, and one of the alternates considered to
3 the staggered term idea, and I think the heavy prepon-
4 derance of the Commission was against it.

5 MR. MARTINEAU: Mr. Chairman, just a question,
6 a technical question about serving for the term four
7 years from the date of election. I am not sure as a matter
8 of law, is it always true that there is an implied, or
9 until their successors are elected so you wouldn't have
10 a situation where for a week or so you may not have any
11 members of the General Assembly in office? The election
12 may be four years and a week after the preceding election.
13 I don't know. The usual language is until their suc-
14 cessors are elected and qualified. Maybe that is not
15 necessary. I don't know.

16 JUDGE ADKINS: Don't they really serve four
17 years from the date they assume office, not the date
18 elected.

19 MR. MARTINEAU: This says from the date of
20 election.

21 JUDGE ADKINS: I think that language is