

1 counties of the state. In that connection the amendment
2 suggested in the last General Assembly, compromise
3 amendment, changed it to, we had before us the one-half,
4 not more than one-half should be from one county or
5 Baltimore City. The amendment reduced this from one-
6 half to one-fifth which is another way of treating it.

7 Since our directive was to put something in to
8 insure that it was a matter of concern to a substantial
9 part of the state, it seems to me this requiring that
10 it be of interest to two-fifths of the counties of the
11 state came closer to that.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: On the basis of the last
13 election, can you give us an idea of what 5 per cent
14 of the total number of votes would be?

15 PROFESSOR ASPER: About 23,000, I think.

16 MR. SAYRE: You are talking about the office
17 regardless of number of candidates?

18 MR. SCANLAN: That is right.

19 MR. BROOKS: 37,000. At the present time 3
20 per cent --

21 MR. GENTRY: Five per cent would require