

1 involves more than three counties then it would be  
2 the state, feeling that the new area would be the state  
3 as a whole when you get into such a revision.

4 MR. CASE: That is where the vote would be  
5 taken.

6 MR. CLAGETT: Yes.

7 MR. CASE: But what we are talking about is  
8 where you gather the signatures.

9 MR. CLAGETT: As the Chairman said, one  
10 metropolitan area, even though couched in terms in effect  
11 that are general, is the only one that the legislation  
12 was being passed for, there is no reason why that area  
13 shouldn't activate the referendum and have that protec-  
14 tion because referendum is, after all, nothing more than  
15 a protective device to the people who happen to be  
16 opposed to what is happening to them.

17 MR. CASE: Supposed to be.

18 MR. CLAGETT: Supposed to be.

19 MR. GENTRY: The Committee in recommending  
20 deletion of this, which is now passed, the bracketed  
21 language, there was no sentiment expressed by anyone for