

“Provided, however, that notwithstanding such decision upon the part of said committee or committees of any political party, a majority of the members of said party, (as shown by the vote of the party cast at the general election next preceeding), or any political party of any ward or county, whose committee or committees shall so decide as hereinbefore provided not to avail itself of this Article, who must be registered voters of said ward or county, and entitled to vote at any party primary hereafter called under this provision, may petition said committee or committees of their party, for the said primary election to be held in their respective ward or county under the provisions of this Article, in which event said primary election about to be held by said political party in Baltimore city, or any of the counties, shall be held under the provisions of this Article. Such petition must be filed within fifteen days after notice, as herein provided, with the said committee or committees of the political party, and said petition shall be filed by said committee or committees with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, or Superior Court of Baltimore city within five days after the receipt. Any person signing said petition who is not a member of the political party whose committee or committees are thus petitioned, or any person who signs fictitious names to said petition, or any person signing a petition of a certain ward or county and not being entitled to vote therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.

Mr. Wilkinson, submitted the following proposed amendment as a substitute for said 4th amendment.

#### AMENDMENT PROPOSED

By Mr. Wilkinson:

Strike out all of Code, section 182, as amended by committee after the words “provisions of this Article shall not apply,” and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

“To any primary election hereafter held by any political party as heretofore provided for in Code, section 153 of this Article, in the city of Baltimore or in any county of this State, if a majority of the members of the com-