

quirement of more than one year.”

THE CHAIRMAN: Amendment 7-A to Amendment No. 7 is offered by Delegate Gullett as a substitute for Amendment No. 7. Is there a second?

*(The amendment was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been seconded the Chair recognizes Delegate Gullett, to speak to the amendment.

DELEGATE GULLETT: Mr. Chairman, I think Amendment 7-A satisfies the requirements of Delegate Storm. I think it satisfies the requirements of the majority of the Committee. I think it also should almost totally satisfy the minority.

It simply does this. It will allow Ocean City and other vacation communities to continue their present practice of allowing non-resident voters to vote.

There has been no problem with this at the present time. This has not really been a problem, but it could be a problem. It could in the future time become a very serious problem.

I would like to mention one municipality in this State that was organized about fifteen years ago or less. In fact, one of our delegates lives in the municipality, Delegate Boileau. This municipality was organized by the developer who became the Mayor, and the members of his corporation were the council. They did not live in this place. They could have gotten the insurance company to set up the city charter to provide that every stockholder could become a voter.

There could have been 10,000 voters in this municipality before it even got off the ground. This could be a real abuse, and my amendment would allow the General Assembly to control it. They could limit the amount of property. This should do the trick.

The second part of the amendment—this became a whole new section here of section 2—merely reiterates the majority requirements and I feel that they are proper. However there could be allowed a one-year residency requirement. They have spoken of that. They are quite correct in that opinion.

Municipal affairs sometimes do not get the publicity that they should get.

The average person moving into a strange municipality does not know about

the problems there. This amendment also carries out the same requirement as to the voting age. I would like to point out in this respect that the figure nineteen years is to be construed strictly as the same figure that is mentioned in section 1; if that nineteen figure gets changed to some other figure, as I assume is still possible, that figure will automatically get changed.

Anybody voting for this substitute motion would not be voting for the voting age of nineteen one way or the other. That figure is there to indicate that that is the same figure that is in section 1.

This would be allowed and that is the purpose of this wording. I submit to you that this amendment does put the municipal corporation elections under the control of the General Assembly.

I think that it satisfies Delegate Storm and I think it satisfies the majority and minority, and I urge its adoption.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm.

DELEGATE STORM: Unless Mr. Moser and others have some thoughts on this, I will follow the advice of my wife who says that Mrs. Gullett is a wonderful person and I should get to know her husband.

I have not been able to do that, but I believe he has a better amendment. I am willing to go along with it if he does not mind. I will withdraw mine and make his not 7-A but 7 unless local government has some different thoughts.

I believe Delegate Gullett's proposal does satisfy everybody, including me.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have any comment to make to Dr. Storm's suggestion?

DELEGATE MOSER: No, I do not.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Storm, do you withdraw your Amendment No. 7 so that 7-A may be substituted for it?

DELEGATE STORM: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. Amendment No. 7 is withdrawn and Amendment No. 7-A is substituted. It will retain the number 7-A so that we do not lose track of our numbers.

Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, it seems to me that these two amendments do not in any way result in the same thing.