

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the motion to reconsider. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 85 votes in the affirmative and 40 in the negative, the motion to reconsider carries.

Amendment No. 5 is now before you. Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, may I ask your indulgence and that of the Committee of the Whole for just one minute. In anticipation of the announced motion to reconsider, I did some calculating, in terms of the number of voters that would be involved in a House of Delegates district under the proposal we adopted in the legislative branch. Based on the proportion of the population eligible that normally registers and the proportion of those who are registered who normally vote, when you get down to a primary, you find that in this State in terms of the 33,000 population that was enunciated in the committee report as population involved in a single legislative district, this gets to about 4,000 voters in the primary which includes both parties.

I just want to bring to your attention the great possibility that a small number of voters can effectively decide the outcome of an election and that when you tie your residence requirements to something that can in the near future administratively be as little as three days, you are really seriously jeopardizing the integrity of the electoral process.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you ready for the question? The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 5.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 64 votes in the affirmative and 64 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

*(Applause.)*

Delegate Weidemeyer, does the Chair understand that you desire to offer your amendment to section 1 that is marked AF?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will please distribute the amendment marked AF.

Delegate Chabot.

DELEGATE CHABOT: Mr. Chairman, you will recall last night when we were considering Delegate James' amendment, I had offered an amendment and then at the suggestion of the Chair, withdrew it. It relates to this specific subject matter and if Delegate Weidemeyer and the Convention would not object, I would wish that we could take it up right now. I am sure the discussion would be very brief on it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is the amendment printed?

DELEGATE CHABOT: Yes, sir, it is AE.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeyer, is it satisfactory to you to withhold action on your amendment AF for a few moments?

DELEGATE WEIDEMEYER: I would rather withhold mine because I do not want it Chabotaged.

*(Laughter.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: The pages will distribute amendment AE, which will be Amendment No. 9. The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 9 to Committee Recommendation S&E-2, by Delegate Chabot.

On page 1, section 1, Eligible Voters in Federal, State and County Elections in lines 12 and 20 respectively in each instance strike out the words "three months" and insert in lieu thereof respectively in each instance the words "thirty days".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is submitted by Delegate Chabot. Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE CHAIRMAN: For what purpose does Delegate Rybczynski rise?