

1 it is an optional thing which means you still have to have
2 a body of general law governing local units which didn't
3 embrace this procedure.

4 DR. BURDETTE: Why do you consider it to be
5 necessary to go through some kind of charter process in a
6 state which has an existing function or existing operation?
7 If you create a new state, I could see your point. But
8 if we should say we adopt your theory, why couldn't the
9 present body of County Commissioners have these powers
10 without having to go through some situation of taking up
11 with the county government?

12 DEAN FORDHAM: You could say the charter making
13 processes would involve election either to keep the present
14 form of government or change it.

15 DR. BURDETTE: Why couldn't you invest the
16 powers, I agree thoroughly it should be possible, but
17 suppose there were, this is a great possibility, take a
18 county like Calvert for illustration, great inertia on
19 doing anything at all. Why not simply devolve upon the
20 Calvert County Commissioners those home rule powers?

21 DEAN FORDHAM: You can, but what about structure?