

1 opportunity after that 30-day period to get at least half
2 of the voters signed on the petition with the possibi-
3 lity of picking up the other half in the next 30 days.
4 I feel, Mr. Chairman, that three per cent would be
5 sufficiently high enough.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

7 Dr. Bard?

8 DR. BARD: I have just done some arithmetic,
9 and if you used three per cent, you would get somewhere
10 around, well, three per cent of 700,000 would be 21,000
11 signatures, but as far as the local unit is concerned,
12 if you used ten per cent, you would require about
13 25,000, or more for Baltimore City and yet only 21,000
14 for the entire state. That is the sort of anomaly...
15 I would tend to think that four per cent would be a
16 little bit better than three. I don't want to quibble
17 but I do think you ought to at least have your
18 state requirement equal to the requirement of the
19 largest subpolitical unit in the state.

20 MR. DELLA: Maybe ten per cent is too high
21 for a local subdivision.