

State, who shall also be competent to certify to their characters and qualifications. (*Ibid*, section 3.)

The copy of any paper in the office of Secretary of State shall be evidence in Courts. (Article 37, section 53, P. G. L., Maryland Code.)

A list of all officers who have been furnished by the clerks of courts, as having qualified before them, shall be reported to the Comptroller by the Secretary of State. (Article 81, section 52, P. G. L., Maryland Code.)

The Secretary of State shall have charge of the Great Seal of the State; but the Governor shall have control of it when necessary, and the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House shall have access to the seal. (Chapter 78, section 1, Acts of 1884.)

The Secretary of State shall preserve certificates of nomination for two years. Such are to be filed for State offices twenty days before the election. (Secs. 41 and 42, Act of 1897, ch. 202.) Eighteen days before the election, the Secretary of State shall certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of nominees to be voted for in city or county. (Sec. 43, *Ibid*.)

#### THE LEGISLATURE.

Composition of the Legislature.—The Legislature consists of two branches, a Senate and a House of Delegates, and is styled the General Assembly of Maryland. (Article III, section 1, Constitution.)

Each county and each of the three Legislative Districts of Baltimore is entitled to elect by the qualified voters a Senator to serve four years. (Article III, section 2, Constitution.)

The counties and city of Baltimore are represented in the House of Delegates, as follows :

Allegany county . . . . .	5	Delegates.
Anne Arundel county . . . . .	4	“
Baltimore county . . . . .	6	“
Baltimore city :		
First Legislative District . . . . .	6	“
Second Legislative District . . . . .	6	“
Third Legislative District . . . . .	6	“
Cecil county . . . . .	3	“
Carroll county . . . . .	4	“
Charles county . . . . .	2	“
Calvert county . . . . .	2	“