

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Municipal corporations: Provided for by General Assembly; powers; manner of transacting affairs.</p>			<p>Sec. 2. The General Assembly shall provide by general law for dividing the counties into townships or permanent municipal corporations in place of the existing election districts prescribing their limits and confiding to them all powers necessary for the management of their public local concerns; and whenever the organization of these township corporations shall be perfected, all officers provided for in this Constitution, but whose official functions shall have been superseded by such organizations shall be dispensed with, and the affairs of such townships and of the counties as affected by the action of such townships shall be transacted in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct.</p>
<p>Cession of territory contiguous to State: Division into counties, representation, extension of laws, creation of courts.</p>			<p>Art. III, sec. 48. The General Assembly shall have power to accept the cession of any territory contiguous to this State, from the States of Virginia and West Virginia, or from the United States, with the consent of Congress, and of the inhabitants of such ceded territory, and in case of such cessions the General Assembly may divide such territory into counties, and shall provide for the representation of the same in the General Assembly, on the basis fixed by this Constitution, and may for that purpose increase the number of Senators and Delegates, and the General Assembly shall enact such laws as may be required to extend the Constitution and laws of this State over such territory, and may create courts conformably to</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution