

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Election procedure: Qualification of voters.</p>	<p>ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.</p> <p>Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot; and every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore City, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district, in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county, or city, shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts, for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates, or other Officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county, or city, which shall form a part of the electoral district, in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person, who shall have acquired a residence in such county, or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county, or city, to which he has removed.</p>	<p>ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.</p> <p>Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot; and every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore City, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district, in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county, or city, shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts, for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates, or other Officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county, or city, which shall form a part of the electoral district, in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person, who shall have acquired a residence in such county, or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county, or city, to which he has removed.</p>	<p>ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.</p> <p>Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who shall have resided in the State one year next preceding the election, and six months in any county, or in any legislative district of Baltimore city, and who shall comply with the provisions of this Article of the Constitution, shall be entitled to vote, at all elections hereafter held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Congressmen, Senator, Delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer or officers, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city entitling him to vote at any such election shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in part of the county or city to which he has removed.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>ARTICLE I. ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.</p> <p>Section 1. Every free white male person, of twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have been one year next preceding the election a resident of the State, and for six months a resident of the city of Baltimore, or of any county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the time of the election a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, in all elections hereafter to be held; and at all such elections the vote shall be taken by ballot. And in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Congressmen, Senator, delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.</p>	<p>The CONSTITUTION and FORM of GOVERNMENT agreed to by the Delegates of Maryland in free and full Convention assembled.</p> <p>2. That the house of delegates shall be chosen in the following manner: All freemen above twenty-one years of age, having a freehold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to vote, and residing therein, and all freemen having property in this State above the value of thirty pounds current money, and having resided in the county in which they offer to vote one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of delegates for such county; and all freemen so qualified shall, on the first Monday of October seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and on the same day in every year thereafter, assemble in the counties in which they are respectively qualified to vote, at the court-house in the said counties, or at such other place as the legislature shall direct, and when assembled they shall proceed to elect, <i>viva voce</i>, four delegates for their respective counties, of the most wise, sensible, and discreet of the people, residents in the county where they are to be chosen one whole year next preceding the election, above twenty-one years of age, and having in the State real or personal property above the value of five hundred pounds current money, and upon the final casting of the polls the four persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1801, chapter 90. Ratified 1802.</p> <p>Every free white male Citizen of this State, and no other, above twenty one years of age, having resided twelve months in the County next preceding the election at which he offers to vote; and every free white male Citizen of this State above twenty one years of age, and having obtained a residence of twelve months next preceding the election in the City of Baltimore or the City of Annapolis and at which he offers to vote, shall have a right of suffrage and shall vote by Ballot in the election of such County or City or either of them for Delegates to the general Assembly, Electors of the Senate and Sheriffs.</p> <p>Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 83. Ratified 1810.</p> <p>Every free white male Citizen of this State above twenty one years of age, and no other having resided twelve months within this State and six months in the County, or in the City of Annapolis or Baltimore next preceding the election at which he offers to vote, shall have a right of suffrage and shall vote by ballot in the election of such County or city, or either of them for electors of the president and vice president of the United States, for representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, for delegates to the General Assembly of this State, electors of the senate and sheriffs.</p> <p>Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 198. Ratified 1810.</p> <p>All such parts of the con-</p>