

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

**Section 2.08. General Elections.**

A general election shall be held in every even-numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. State officers shall be elected at the general election in 1970 and every fourth year thereafter, except that judges may be elected in any even-numbered year. County officers shall be elected at the same time as state officers unless otherwise prescribed by the General Assembly by law or by the instrument of government of a county. If members of any public body serve overlapping terms, an election may be held every two years for those members then to be elected.

**Section 2.09. Pluralities.**

The candidates receiving the highest num-

Art. XV, sec. 7. All general elections in this State shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year in which they shall occur.

**ARTICLE XVII. QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS.**

Section 1. All State officers elected by qualified voters (except judges of the Circuit Courts, judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, judges of the Court of Appeals and judges of any intermediate courts of appeal), and all county officers elected by qualified voters, shall hold office for terms of four years, and until their successors shall qualify.

Sec. 2. Elections by qualified voters for State and county officers shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter.

Sec. 3. All State and county officers elected by the qualified voters shall hold office for terms of four years.

Sec. 11. The purpose of this Article is to reduce the number of elections, by providing that all State and county elections shall be held only in every fourth year, and at the time now provided by law for holding congressional elections; and to bring the terms of appointive officers into harmony with the changes effected in the time of the beginning of the terms of elective officers; and the administrative and judicial officers of the State shall construe the provisions of this Article so as to effectuate that purpose. For the purpose of this Article only the word "officers" shall be construed to include those holding positions and other places of employment in the State and county governments whose terms are fixed by law, but it shall not include any appointments made by the Board of Public Works, nor appointments by the Governor for terms of three years.

Sec. 13. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and any of the other provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of this Article shall prevail, and all other provisions shall be repealed or abrogated to the extent of such inconsistency.

Art. XV, sec. 4. If at any election directed by this Constitution, any two or