

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

Section 2.14. Laws Applicable in One County.

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law procedures by which a law enacted by it and applicable in only one county may be petitioned to referendum. The law shall be submitted to a vote of the people of the county after a petition has been signed by a number of qualified voters of the county equal to at least ten per cent of the total votes cast for governor in that county in the most recent gubernatorial election. No law empowering a county to exercise a power or perform a function, nor any law pertaining to appropriations, nor any law granting, limiting, or withdrawing the taxing power of a county shall be subject to referendum pursuant to this section.

ARTICLE 3. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 3.01. Legislative Power.

The legislative power of the State shall be vested in the General Assembly, which shall consist of two houses, the Senate and the House of Delegates.

title shall be sufficient. Upon each of the ballots, following the ballot title or text, as the case may be, of each such measure, there shall be printed the words "For the referred law" and "Against the referred law," as the case may be. The votes cast for and against any such referred law shall be returned to the Governor in the manner prescribed with respect to proposed amendments to the Constitution under Article XIV of this Constitution, and the Governor shall proclaim the result of the election, and, if it shall appear that the majority of the votes cast on any such measure were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall by his proclamation declare the same having received a majority of the votes to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as a part of the laws of the State, to take effect thirty days after such election, and in like manner and with like effect the Governor shall proclaim the result of the local election as to any Public Local Law which shall have been submitted to the voters of any County or of the City of Baltimore.

Art. XVI, sec. 3(a). . . . provided that any Public Local Law for any one County or the City of Baltimore, shall be referred by the Secretary of State only to the people of said County or City of Baltimore, upon a referendum petition of ten per cent of the qualified voters of said County or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, calculated upon the whole number of votes cast therein respectively for Governor at the last preceding Gubernatorial election.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 8. That the Legislative, Executive and Judicial powers of Government ought to be forever separate and distinct from each other; and no person exercising the functions of one of said Departments shall assume or discharge the duties of any other.

ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of