

**COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS**

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968**

**CONSTITUTION OF 1867**

**Section 6.07. Gift or Loan of Assets or Credit.**

The assets or credit of the State shall not be given or lent to any individual, association, or corporation unless a public purpose will be served thereby and unless authorized by the General Assembly by a law stating the public purpose to be served. A gift of assets may be authorized by a law enacted by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of each house, but a law authorizing a gift of credit or a loan of credit or a loan of assets shall require the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of each house.

**Budget and Appropriations**

**Section 6.08. Appropriations.**

The General Assembly shall not appropriate any money from the treasury except by a budget bill or a supplementary appropriation bill.

for temporary emergencies, but such notes must only be made to provide for appropriations already made by the General Assembly. The General Assembly may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State. And provided further that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the raising of funds for the purpose of aiding or compensating in such manner or way as the General Assembly of the State shall deem proper, those citizens of the State who have served, with honor, their Country and State in time of War; provided, however, that such action of the General Assembly shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by a vote of the people of the State at the General Election next following the enactment of such legislation.

**Art. III, sec. 34.** . . . The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given, or loaned to, or in aid of any individual, association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of Works of Internal Improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto, which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of Works of Internal Improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such Works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided, that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the Internal Improvement Companies, or of the State tax, now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt (or) to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; . . .

**Art. III, sec. 32.** No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the State, by any order or resolution, nor except in accordance with an appropriation by Law; and every such Law shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the object, to which it shall be applied; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the General Assembly from placing a contingent