

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

**Section 7.07. Additional Powers of Municipal Corporations.**

The General Assembly by law or a county by law may grant additional powers to municipal corporations, and the granting authority may withdraw such powers.

tion only by general laws which shall in their terms and in their effect apply alike to all municipal corporations in one or more of the classes provided for in Section 2 of this Article. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to provide by Law the method by which new municipal corporations shall be formed.

**Sec. 2.** The General Assembly, by Law, shall classify all such municipal corporations by grouping them into not more than four classes based on populations as determined by the most recent census made under the authority of the United States or the State of Maryland. No more than one such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes shall be in effect at any time, and the enactment of any such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes shall repeal any such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes then in effect. Municipal corporations shall be classified only as provided in this section and not otherwise.

*See Art. III, Sec. 61 at Section 1.16 for the power of the General Assembly by public local law to enable any county or municipal corporation to carry out urban renewal projects.*

**Art. XI-A, sec. 3.** . . . provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or empower the County Council of any county in this State to enact laws or regulations for any incorporated town, village, or municipality in said county, on any matter covered by the powers granted to said town, village, or municipality by the Act incorporating it, or any subsequent Act or Acts amendatory thereto. . . .

**Art. XI-E, sec. 4.** The adoption of a new charter, the amendment of any charter or local laws, or the repeal of any part of a charter or local laws shall be proposed either by a resolution of the legislative body of any such municipal corporation or by a petition containing the signatures of at least five per cent of the registered voters of a municipal corporation and filed with the legislative body of said municipal corporation. The General Assembly shall amplify the provisions of this section by general law in any manner not inconsistent with this Article.