

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

ARTICLE 8. EDUCATION

Section 8.01. Public Education.

The General Assembly by law shall provide for a statewide system of free public schools. The system shall be headed by a governing board whose members shall be appointed by the governor. The General Assembly by law shall provide also for such other public educational institutions and services as may be necessary or desirable for the intellectual, cultural, and occupational development of the people of this State.

Section 8.02. Public Higher Education.

The governing boards prescribed by the General Assembly by law for the University of Maryland, the state colleges, and all other state institutions of higher education, including community colleges, shall formulate policies for their respective institutions and shall have general supervision over them in all academic matters. These boards may be granted by the General Assembly by law such additional powers of supervision, direction, and control of their respective institutions and over the expenditure of their funds as the General Assembly may deem to be appropriate.

ARTICLE 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 9.01. Oath.

Every person elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State, before he enters

may be incurred by the code county. Public local laws enacted by the General Assembly under this section prevail over any public local laws enacted by the code county under other sections in this Article.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 43. That the Legislature ought to encourage the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, the extension of a judicious system of general education, the promotion of literature, the arts, sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and the general melioration of the condition of the People. The Legislature may provide that land actively devoted to farm or agricultural use shall be assessed on the basis of such use and shall not be assessed as if subdivided.

ARTICLE VIII. EDUCATION.

Section 1. The General Assembly, at its First Session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall by Law establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools; and shall provide by taxation, or otherwise, for their maintenance.

Sec. 2. The System of Public Schools, as now constituted, shall remain in force until the end of the said First Session of the General Assembly, and shall then expire; except so far as adopted, or continued, by the General Assembly.

Sec. 3. The School Fund of the State shall be kept inviolate, and appropriated only to the purposes of Education.

Declaration of Rights, Art. 39. That the manner of administering an oath or affirmation to any person, ought to be such as those of the religious persuasion, pro-