

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

Section 10.04. Constitutional Convention.

The General Assembly by law may call a constitutional convention at any time or may submit the question of calling a constitutional convention to the voters of the State at any time. If a constitutional convention shall not have been called or if the question of calling a convention shall not have been submitted to the voters of the State for a period of twenty years, then the question shall be submitted at the next general election. A convention shall be held within two years after a majority of those voting on the question approve the calling of a convention or within two years after the General Assembly calls a convention. Within sixty days after approval by the voters or within sixty days after the General Assembly calls a convention, the governor shall appoint a commission to prepare for the convention. Not later than the second regular session following the approval, the General Assembly shall prescribe by law the manner for electing delegates, for filling vacancies in the position of delegate, and for assembling the convention, and shall appropriate sufficient funds for the work of the convention. The convention shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Any proposal recommended by the convention for changing the Constitution shall be submitted to the voters of the State for adoption, and shall be effective only if approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting on the proposal.

VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution, the attached Schedule of Transitional Provisions, and the attached Schedule of Legislation shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for ratification or rejection at the special referendum election to be held on May 14, 1968, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by Chapter 4 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1967. If this Constitution is ratified at such special referendum election, then the attached Schedule of Transitional Provisions is ratified as a part thereof and the attached Schedule of Legislation is adopted also and shall take effect as provided therein.

amendment or amendments shall be part of the said Constitution. When two or more amendments shall be submitted in manner aforesaid, to the voters of this State at the same election, they shall be so submitted as that each amendment shall be voted on separately.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to provide by Law for taking, at the general election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and seventy, and every twenty years thereafter, the sense of the People in regard to calling a Convention for altering this Constitution; and if a majority of voters at such election or elections shall vote for a Convention, the General Assembly, at its next session, shall provide by Law for the assembling of such convention, and for the election of Delegates thereto. Each County, and Legislative District of the City of Baltimore, shall have in such Convention a number of Delegates equal to its representation in both Houses at the time at which the Convention is called. But any Constitution, or change, or amendment of the existing Constitution, which may be adopted by such Convention, shall be submitted to the voters of this State, and shall have no effect unless the same shall have been adopted by a majority of the voters voting thereon.

See "Vote on the Constitution" at Section 10.10 for referendum provisions.