

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

ARTICLE III.  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct branches; a Senate, and a House of Delegates, and shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.

Sec. 2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into six legislative districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said legislative districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county in the State, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said legislative districts of Baltimore City and of the counties of the State, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election.

Sec. 3. Vacant.

Sec. 4. The General Assembly shall have the power to provide by Law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory.

Sec. 5. The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates, apportioned as follows: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties, two Delegates each; Cecil, Garrett, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester Counties, three Delegates each; Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Wicomico Counties, four Delegates each; Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and each of the six Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, six Delegates each.

Sec. 6. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Counties, and the Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, respectively,

ecutive reorganization. Any board or commission at the head of a principal department shall have a chief administrative officer.

See Section 3.01, Legislative Power, p. 2.

See Section 3.04, Legislative Districts, p. 10.

Section 3.03. Composition of the General Assembly.

The number of members of each house of the General Assembly shall be prescribed by law, but the number of delegates shall not exceed one hundred twenty and the number of senators shall be one-third the number of delegates. Only one delegate shall represent a delegate district and only one senator shall represent a senate district. Each senate district shall consist of three whole delegate districts.

Section 3.10. Election and Term of Office.

A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the voters of the district in which he seeks election, to serve for a term