

## COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867	PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968
<p>Sec. 26. The House of Delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment in all cases; but a majority of all the members elected must concur in the impeachment. All impeachments shall be tried by the Senate, and when sitting for that purpose, the Senators shall be on oath, or affirmation, to do justice according to the Law and evidence; but no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of all the Senators elected.</p>	<p><b>Section 9.04. Impeachment.</b></p> <p>The House of Delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment of elected state officers, judges, and any other state officers who may be designated by the General Assembly by law, in cases of serious crimes or serious misconduct in office. The affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of the House of Delegates shall be required to impeach. Impeachments shall be tried by a special tribunal of ten judges appointed by the Court of Appeals from among the judges of the State. The concurrence of three-fifths of the judges of the special tribunal shall be required to convict. Judgment upon conviction shall be removal from office and may include disqualification from holding any office of public trust, and deprivation of pension rights and other privileges of office. A person tried upon impeachment, whether or not convicted, nevertheless may be subject to criminal prosecution and punishment according to law.</p>
<p>Sec. 27. Any bill may originate in either House of the General Assembly, and be altered, amended, or rejected by the other. No bill shall originate in either House during the last twenty-eight calendar days of a regular session, unless two-thirds of the members elected thereto shall so determine by yeas and nays, and in addition the two Houses by joint and similar rule may further regulate the right to introduce bills during this period; nor shall any bill become a law until it be read on three different days of the session in each House, unless two-thirds of the members elected to the House where such bill is pending shall so determine by yeas and nays, and no bill shall be read a third time until it shall have been actually engrossed or printed for a third reading.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.20. Consideration of Bills.</b></p> <p>A bill may originate in either house of the General Assembly and may be amended, passed, or rejected by the other. No vote on final passage of a bill shall be taken until the bill and all amendments to it are in writing. No vote on final passage of a bill shall be taken until the fifth calendar day after its introduction in the house of origin and until the second calendar day after it reaches the second house except upon the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of the house in which the bill is pending or except during the first four days of a special session. The General Assembly may provide by law that pending bills may be carried over to the next regular session of the same General Assembly.</p>
<p>Sec. 28. No bill shall become a Law unless it be passed in each House by a majority of the whole number of members elected, and on its final passage, the yeas and nays be recorded; nor shall any Resolution, requiring the action of both Houses, be passed except in the same manner.</p>	<p><b>Section 3.21. Passage of Bills.</b></p> <p>No bill shall be enacted nor shall a resolution requiring the action of both houses be adopted unless it is passed by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of that house. A vote in joint session or in either house on any bill or resolution or for the election or confirmation of any state officer shall be taken only in public session.</p>
<p>Sec. 29. The style of all Laws of this State shall be, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland:" and all Laws shall be passed by original bill; and</p>	<p><b>Section 3.19. Form of Laws.</b></p> <p>Every law of this State shall be styled: "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland." The General Assembly shall enact no</p>