

# CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

## CONSTITUTION OF 1867

every Law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in its title; and no Law, nor section of Law, shall be revived, or amended by reference to its title, or section only; nor shall any Law be construed by reason of its title, to grant powers, or confer rights which are not expressly contained in the body of the Act; and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, in amending any article, or section of the Code of Laws of this State, to enact the same, as the said article, or section would read when amended. And whenever the General Assembly shall enact any Public General Law, not amendatory of any section, or article in the said Code, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to enact the same, in articles and sections, in the same manner, as the Code is arranged, and to provide for the publication of all additions and alterations, which may be made to the said Code.

**Sec. 30.** Every bill, when passed by the General Assembly, and sealed with the Great Seal, shall be presented to the Governor, who, if he approves it, shall sign the same in the presence of the presiding officers and Chief Clerks of the Senate and House of Delegates. Every Law shall be recorded in the office of the Court of Appeals, and in due time, be printed, published and certified under the Great Seal, to the several Courts, in the same manner as has been heretofore usual in this State.

**Sec. 31.** No Law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect, until the first day of June, next after the Session, at which it may be passed, unless it be otherwise expressly declared therein.

**Sec. 32.** No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the State, by any order or resolution, nor except in accordance with an appropriation by Law; and every such Law shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the object, to which it shall be applied; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the General Assembly from placing a contingent fund at the disposal of the Executive, who shall report to the General Assembly, at each Session, the amount expended, and the purposes to which it was applied. An accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public money, shall be at-

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law except by bill. The subject of every law shall be described in its title. Every law enacted by the General Assembly, except the budget law and supplementary appropriation laws, shall embrace only one subject. The budget law and all supplementary appropriation laws shall be limited to the subject of budget, appropriations, their purpose or purposes, and the requisite revenue. No law or section of a law shall be revived or amended by reference only to its title or section, nor shall any law be construed by reason of its title to grant powers or confer rights which are not expressly contained in the body of the act. The General Assembly, in amending any article or section of the code of laws of this State, shall enact the article, section, or law as it would read when amended.

*See Section 4.15, Action on Bills by the Governor, p. 18.*

### **Section 3.23. Effective Date of Laws.**

Each law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect on the first day of July after passage unless another date is prescribed in the law.

### **Section 6.08. Appropriations.**

The General Assembly shall not appropriate any money from the treasury except by a budget bill or a supplementary appropriation bill.