

# CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

## CONSTITUTION OF 1867

struction of Works of Internal Improvement in the counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such Works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided, that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the Internal Improvement Companies, or of the State tax, now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt (or) to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may authorize the Board of Public Works to direct the State Treasurer to borrow in the name of the State, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet temporary deficiencies in the Treasury, to preserve the best interest of the State in the conduct of the various State institutions, departments, bureaus, and agencies during each fiscal year. Subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works and as provided by Law, the State Treasurer is authorized to make and sell short-term notes for temporary emergencies, but such notes must only be made to provide for appropriations already made by the General Assembly. The General Assembly may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defense of the State. And provided further that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the raising of funds for the purpose of aiding or compensating in such manner or way as the General Assembly of the State shall deem proper, those citizens of the State who have served, with honor, their Country and State in time of War; provided, however, that such action of the General Assembly shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by a vote of the people of the State at the General Election next following the enactment of such legislation.

**Sec. 35.** No extra compensation shall be granted or allowed by the General Assembly to any Public Officer, Agent, Servant or Contractor, after the service shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into; nor shall the salary or compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office. Provided, however, from and after January

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revenues thereafter received applicable to the general funds of the State, a sum equal to such interest and principal. All state indebtedness shall mature within fifteen years from the time when such indebtedness is incurred, except that at the time of authorizing the indebtedness the General Assembly by law may extend the period to not more than twenty-five years by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of each house.

### Section 4.25. Board of Review.

There shall be a Board of Review in the executive branch. The Board shall consist of the governor, an officer in the executive branch designated by the governor, and the comptroller. The Board shall act by majority vote and shall hold its meetings in public or otherwise act in such manner and have such powers as the General Assembly may prescribe by law.

### Section 6.07. Gift or Loan of Assets or Credit.

The assets or credit of the State shall not be given or lent to any individual, association, or corporation unless a public purpose will be served thereby and unless authorized by the General Assembly by a law stating the public purpose to be served. A gift of assets may be authorized by a law enacted by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of each house, but a law authorizing a gift of credit or a loan of credit or a loan of assets shall require the affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of each house.

*See Section 4.24, Salaries, p. 20.*