

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

Sec. 49. The General Assembly shall have power to regulate by Law, not inconsistent with this Constitution, all matters which relate to the Judges of election, time, place and manner of holding elections in this State, and of making returns thereof.

Sec. 50. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly, at its first session, held after the adoption of this Constitution, to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the Court, of any person, who shall bribe, or attempt to bribe, any Executive, or Judicial officer of the State of Maryland, or any member, or officer of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, or of any Municipal Corporation in the State of Maryland, or any Executive officer of such corporation, in order to influence him in the performance of any of his official duties; and, also, to provide by Law for the punishment, by fine, or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the Court, of any of said officers, or members, who shall demand, or receive any bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial, for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting, or failing to perform the same; and, also, to provide by Law for compelling any person, so bribing, or attempting to bribe, or so demanding, or receiving a bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial, to testify against any person, or persons, who may have committed any of said offences; provided, that any person, so compelled to testify, shall be exempted from trial and punishment for the offence, of which he may have been guilty; and any person, convicted of such offence, shall, as part of the punishment thereof, be forever disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office of trust, or profit, in this State.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

Section 2.07. Conduct of Elections.

The General Assembly by law shall define residence, establish a uniform system of permanent registration of voters, provide for the nomination of candidates, regulate the time, place, and manner of elections, provide for the uniform administration of elections, provide for absentee voting, insure secrecy of voting, and protect the integrity of the election process. A municipal corporation may prescribe by law election dates and procedures for the administration and regulation of its municipal elections, subject to any procedures and standards that the General Assembly may prescribe by law. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the supervision and uniform administration of laws enacted by the General Assembly pursuant to this section.