

in which the houses shall be sitting, without the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present of both Houses.

Sec. 16th. The enacting clause of every bill shall be, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," and no law shall be enacted except by Bill.

Sec. 17th. Any bill may originate in either house of the General Assembly, and be altered, amended or rejected by the other, but no Bill shall have the force of a law until it be read on three different days in each House, unless in case of urgency three-fourths of the House, where such Bill is depending, shall dispense with this rule.

Sec. 18th. No Bill shall become a law unless passed in each House by a majority of the whole number of members elected, and on the question of its final passage the ayes and noes shall be recorded.

Sec. 19th. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of this State but in consequence of appropriations made by law, an accurate statement of the receipts and expenditure of public money shall be attached to and published with the laws after each regular session of the General Assembly.

Sec. 20th. No divorce shall be granted by the General Assembly, nor any tax or other burden be levied on the persons or property of the people for the support of any religious sect or denomination.

Sec. 21st. No loans shall be made upon the credit of this State which are not redeemable at the pleasure of the State: except such as may be authorised by an act of Assembly, passed at one session and ratified and confirmed at the next succeeding regular session of the General Assembly.

Sec. 22nd. No extra compensation shall be granted or allowed by the General Assembly to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor after the services 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.

Sec. 23rd. No county now established by law, shall ever be reduced by the establishment of any new county, to a population of less than                   thousand, nor shall any new county be hereafter established with a population of less than                   thousand.

Sec. 24th. No senator or delegate shall during the term for which he shall have been elected be appointed to any civil office in this State which shall have been created, or the salary or emoluments of which shall have been increased during such term and no senator or delegate during the time he shall continue to act as such, shall be eligible to any civil office.

Sec. 25th. Each House may determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.