

Sec. 43. The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use, without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation.

Sec. 44. Corporations, other than for municipal purposes, may be formed and created under general provisions and regulations, to be prescribed by the General Assembly, and shall not be created by special act, except so far as special acts may be necessary to authorize any person or persons to exercise and enjoy such corporate rights, franchises and privileges. All laws and special acts pursuant to this section, may be altered from time to time, or repealed; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, change or amend, in any manner, the article in relation to Banks.

Sec. 45. The General Assembly shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.

Sec. 46. The General Assembly shall pass laws, requiring the Presidents, Directors, Trustees or Agents of Corporations, created or authorised by the laws of this State; teachers or superintendents of the Public Schools, Colleges or other institutions of learning; Attorneys at Law, Jurors, and such other persons as the General Assembly shall from time to time prescribe, to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, set forth in the first Article in this Constitution.

Sec. 47. The General Assembly shall have power to accept the cession of any territory contiguous to this State from the States of Virginia and West Virginia, or from the United States, with the consent of Congress and of the inhabitants of such ceded territory; and in case of such cessions, the General Assembly may divide such territory into Counties, and shall provide for the representation of the same in the General Assembly, on the basis fixed by this Constitution, and may for that purpose increase the number of Senators and Delegates. And the General Assembly shall enact such laws as may be required to extend the Constitution and Laws of this State over such territory, and may create Courts conformably to the Constitution for such territory and may, for that purpose, increase the number of Judges of the Court of Appeals.

FREDERICK SCHLEY, Chairman.

Which was read the first time.

The Order of the Day, being the report of the majority of the Committee on the Bill of Rights,