

## ARTICLE X. COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly may provide for organizing new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be organized without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits about to form said county, nor shall the lines of any county be changed, without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of the lines proposed to be changed, nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles, nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants, nor shall any county be reduced below that amount of square miles, nor below that number of white inhabitants.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly shall provide, by general law, for dividing the counties into townships or permanent municipal corporations, in place of the existing election districts prescribing their limits and confiding to them all powers necessary for the management of their public local concerns; and whenever the organization of these township corporations shall be perfected, all officers provided for in this Constitution, but whose official functions shall have been superseded by such organizations, shall be dispensed with, and the affairs of such townships and of the counties as affected by the action of such townships shall be transacted in such manner as the General Assembly shall direct.

## ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly may propose any amendment or amendments to this Constitution which shall be agreed to by three fifths of all the members elected to both houses. Such proposed amendment or amendments with the yeas and nays thereon, shall be entered on the Journal of each house; shall be printed with the Laws passed at the same session, and shall be published, by order of the Governor, in all the newspapers printed in the different counties of this State, and in three newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore (one of which shall be printed in the German language,) for at least three months preceding the next election for members of the General Assembly, at which election the said proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the qualified Electors of the State for their confirmation or rejection, and if it shall appear, to the satisfaction of the Governor, from the returns of said election made to him by the proper authorities, that a majority of the qualified votes cast at said election on the proposed amendment or amend-