salary during the governor's or lieutenant governor's term of office. It differs from the present Constitution which provides in Article II, section 21 that the governor shall receive a salary of $25,000 per year and which provides in Article III, section 52(6) that the salary of any public official shall not be decreased during his term of office.

Maryland experience clearly indicates the disadvantage of fixing a salary ceiling in the Constitution. In 1955, the governor was still receiving the $4,500 salary originally fixed by the Constitution of 1867. The Constitution has twice since been amended to raise the governor's salary to $25,000, an amount the committee feels is still too low.

Although the committee feels that the General Assembly should be able to legislatively set the salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor, it also feels that certain safeguards are necessary. The provision prohibiting the General Assembly from increasing salary during the governor's term of office will remove any temptation of a gubernational effort to "sell," or a legislative