Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864	Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
Education: Establishment by General Assembly of free public schools; provision for taxation.	***ARTICLE VIII.*** ***EDUCATION.*** **Section 1.** The General Assembly, at its First Session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall by Law establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools; and shall provide by taxation, or otherwise, for their maintenance.	***ARTICLE VIII.*** ***EDUCATION.*** **Section 1.** The General Assembly, at its First Session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall by Law establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools; and shall provide by taxation, or otherwise, for their maintenance.	***ARTICLE VIII.*** ***EDUCATION.*** **Sec. 4.** The General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall provide a uniform system of Free Public Schools, by which a school shall be kept open and supported free of expense for tuition in each school district, for at least six months in each year; and in case of a failure on the part of the General Assembly so to provide, the system reported to it by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall become the system of Free Public Schools of the State; *Provided*, That the report of the State Superintendent shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Constitution, and such system shall be subject to such alterations, conformable to this Article, as the General Assembly may from time to time enact.			
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State Superintendent of Public Instruction: Term; compensation; duties.			**Section 1.** The Governor shall, within thirty days after the ratification by the people of this Constitution, appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Senate, at its first session thereafter, a State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified. He shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, and such additional sum for travelling and incidental expenses as the General Assembly may by law allow; shall report to the General Assembly within			