

CONCLUSION

The Supreme Court has never had a case on impeachment proceedings. The impeachment process is an extraordinary device, used infrequently and with great trepidation by political figures because of the political implications of such a decision.

Impeachment provisions within the federal and state constitutions are very much a part of Anglo-American heritage and tradition. In some ways, they may be described as anachronisms, long outgrown, especially in our proposed constitution where the number of constitutional officers shall be minimal; where the governor shall have the power to remove those he appoints; where the judiciary is providing a new evaluation

process; where the legislature is the judge of the actions of its members. Furthermore, an increasing number of state officials in this state, as elsewhere, are part of the merit system which has its own procedure for dismissal, within the tenure provisions. Therefore it is suggested that even the provisions of the Model Constitution are too extensive. All that needs to be provided, if one wishes an impeachment provision for historical reasons, is a provision that will allow the General Assembly to establish a procedural framework and, possibly, an additional provision that will forbid the Governor from granting reprieves or pardons to those who have been impeached.