

all official acts and proceedings, which may at all times be inspected by a committee of either branch of the General Assembly, and shall perform such other

duties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law, or as may properly belong to his office.

ARTICLE III.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct branches, a Senate and a House of Delegates, which shall be styled "The General Assembly of Maryland."

Sec. 2. Immediately after the adoption of this Constitution, and before there shall have been held any general election under it, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall proceed to lay off and divide the said city into three several districts, of equal population and contiguous territory, as near as may be, which said districts shall be called the first, second, and third Legislative Districts of Baltimore city.

Sec. 3. Every county in the State, and each Legislative district of Baltimore city, as hereinbefore provided for, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties, and of the Legislative districts of Baltimore city, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election, subject to the classification of Senators, hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 4. The white population of the State shall constitute the basis of representation in the House of Delegates, and the apportionment of the Delegates among the several counties and legislative districts of the city of Baltimore, shall be as follows: For every five thousand persons, or a fractional part thereof above one-half, one Delegate shall be chosen, until the number of Delegates in each county and legislative district of the city of Baltimore, shall reach five;

above that number, one Delegate shall be chosen for the next twenty thousand persons, or a fractional portion over one-half thereof, in each county and legislative district of the city of Baltimore; above that number, each county and legislative district of the said city, shall elect one Delegate for every eighty thousand persons, or fractional portion thereof, above one-half. Upon this principle, and as soon as practicable after each national census, or State enumeration of inhabitants, the General Assembly shall apportion the members of the House of Delegates among the several counties, and the several legislative districts of Baltimore city, according to the white population of each. But until such apportionment is made, the House of Delegates shall consist of eighty members, distributed as follows: Allegany, five members; Anne Arundel, two; each of the three legislative districts in Baltimore city, six; Baltimore county, six; Calvert, one; Caroline, two; Carroll, five; Cecil, four; Charles, one; Dorchester, two; Frederick, six; Harford, four; Howard, two; Kent, two; Montgomery, two; Prince George's, two; Queen Anne's, two; St. Mary's, one; Somerset, three; Talbot, two; Washington, five; Worcester, three.

Sec. 5. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and the legislative districts of Baltimore city, respectively, to serve for two years from the day of their election.