

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Determination of election results; date of taking office.	<p>Sec. 3. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said Returns, in the presence of both Houses; and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify, in the manner herein prescribed, on the fourth Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said Returns, in the presence of both Houses; and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify, in the manner herein prescribed, on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said returns in the presence of both Houses, and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify in the manner herein prescribed, on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 3. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said returns in the presence of both Houses, and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify in the manner herein prescribed, on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.</p>	<p>between two or more persons, then the election of the governor shall be determined by lot, between those who have equal numbers; and if the person chosen governor shall die, resign, remove out of the State, or refuse to act (sitting the general assembly) the senate and house of delegates shall immediately thereupon proceed to a new choice in manner aforesaid.</p>	<p>ate, at the commencement of the Session next ensuing such election.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Act of 1846, chapter 342. Ratified 1847.</b></p> <p>Sec. 1. The returns of the election for Governor, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty, and forever thereafter, shall be made in like manner as in election of President and vice President, save that the form of certificate shall be varied, to suit the case, and save also, that the returns, instead of being made to the Governor, shall be made to the Chancellor of the State, and addressed to the Chancellor of Maryland, under cover by the several Judges of elections, in the different counties of this State, Howard District and the City of Baltimore.</p>
	<p>25. That a person of wisdom, experience, and virtue, shall be chosen governor, on the second Monday of November 1777, and on the second Monday in every year for ever thereafter, by the joint ballot of both houses, to be taken in each house respectively, deposited in a conference room, the boxes to be examined by a joint committee of both houses, and the numbers severally reported, that the appointment may be entered; which mode of taking the joint ballot of both houses shall be adopted in all cases. But if two or more shall have an equal number of ballots in their favour, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken, which shall be con-</p>	<p><b>Proposed by Act of 1811, chapter 211. Ratified 1812.</b></p> <p>Sec. 2. The Governor of this state, shall be chosen on the second monday of December in each and every year in the same manner as is now prescribed by the Constitution and form of Government; and the Council to the Governor shall be elected on the first tuesday after the second monday of December in each and every year, in the same manner as is now provided by the Constitution and form of Government.</p> <p><b>Proposed by Act of 1823, chapter 111. Ratified 1824.</b></p> <p>Sec. 2. The Governor of this State, shall be chosen on the first monday of January in each and every year,</p>