

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
		<p>the legal qualifications according to the constitution of this State, shall come forward within thirty days after such election, and make oath before the Chancellor of Maryland, that he has good and sufficient reason to believe, that corruption existed, on the part of the Judges of election or any of them and that he is prepared to prove, the fact, or that he is prepared to prove, that a sufficient number of illegal votes were cast, at such election as to defeat the election of the candidate who may have the returns, then in that case, or either of them, the chancellor shall without delay communicate in writing to the governor of the State, all the facts in the premises, and upon such representation of facts, the Governor is hereby authorized, and directed to convene by proclamation, upon reasonable notice, the Senate of Maryland, before whom the Chancellor, shall forthwith lay all the election returns for governor, with the affidavit of the contestant the Senate, when so convened, shall decide all questions in relation to the number of legality of the votes given, for each and any person, voted for, as Governor, and in relation to the returns, and in relation to the qualification of the persons voted for as Governor, and all other questions growing out of such a state of facts, shall be decided by the Senate.</p>