

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Legislative Branches.	<p>ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct branches: a Senate, and a House of Delegates, and shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.</p> <p>Sec. 2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into six legislative districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said legislative districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county in the State, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said legislative districts of Baltimore City and of the counties of the State, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election.</p>	<p>ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct Branches: a Senate, and a House of Delegates, and shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.</p> <p>Sec. 2. Each County in the State, and each of the three Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, as they are now, or may hereafter be defined, 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, hereafter provided for.</p>	<p>ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>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."</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>ARTICLE III. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>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."</p> <p>Sec. 2. Every county of the State, and the city of Baltimore, shall be entitled to elect one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and city of Baltimore, respectively, and who shall serve for four years from the day of their election.</p>	<p>1. That the legislature consist of two distinct branches, a senate, and a house of delegates, which shall be stiled the General Assembly of Maryland.</p> <p>14. That the senate be chosen in the following manner: All persons, qualified as aforesaid to vote for county delegates, shall on the first Monday of September 1781, and on the same day in every fifth year ever thereafter, elect <i>viva voce</i>, by a majority of votes, two persons for their respective counties, qualified as aforesaid to be elected county delegates, to be electors of the senate; and the sheriff of each county, or in case of sickness his deputy (summoning two justices of the county who are required to attend for the preservation of the peace) shall hold and be judge of the said election, and make return thereof as aforesaid. And all persons qualified as aforesaid to vote for delegates for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore town, shall on the same first Monday of September 1781, and on the same day in every fifth year forever thereafter, elect <i>viva voce</i>, by a majority of votes, one person for the said city and town respectively, qualified as aforesaid to be elected a delegate for the said city and town respectively; the said election to be held in the same manner as the election of delegates for the said city and town, the right to elect the said elector with respect</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1798, chapter 115. Ratified 1799.</p> <p>Sec. 1. The several Counties of this State, for the purpose of holding all future Elections for delegates, Electors of the Senate, and Sheriffs of the several Counties, shall be divided into separate districts in the manner hereinafter directed, viz: Saint Mary's County, shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Kent County shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Calvert County shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Charles County shall be divided and laid off into four Separate districts, Talbot County shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Somerset County shall be divided and laid off into three Separate districts, Dorchester County shall be divided and laid off into Three separate districts, Cecil County shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Prince George's County shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Queen Anne's County shall be divided and laid off into Three separate districts, Worcester County shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Frederick County shall be divided and laid off</p>