

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>House of Delegates: Number of delegates; apportionment; legislative districts; alteration of district boundaries; equal population; contiguous territory.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. Vacant.</p> <p>Sec. 4. The General Assembly shall have the power to provide by Law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory.</p> <p>Sec. 5. The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates, apportioned as follows: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties, two Delegates each; Cecil, Garrett, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester Counties, three Delegates each; Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Wicomico Counties, four Delegates each; Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and each of the six Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, six Delegates each.</p>	<p>Sec. 3. Until the taking and publishing of the next National Census, or until the enumeration of the population of this State, under the Authority thereof, the several Counties, and the City of Baltimore, shall have representation in the House of Delegates, as follows: Allegany County, five Delegates; Anne Arundel County, three Delegates; Baltimore County, six Delegates; each of the three Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, six Delegates; Calvert County, two Delegates; Caroline County, two Delegates; Carroll County, four Delegates; Cecil County, four Delegates; Charles County, two Delegates; Dorchester County, three Delegates; Frederick County, six Delegates; Harford County, four Delegates; Howard County, two Delegates; Kent County, two Delegates; Montgomery County, three Delegates; Prince George's County, three Delegates; Queen Anne's County, two Delegates; Saint Mary's County, two Delegates; Somerset County, three Delegates; Talbot County, two Delegates; Washington County, five Delegates; and Worcester County, three Delegates.</p> <p>Sec. 4. As soon as may be after the taking and publishing of the next National Census, or after the enumeration of the population of this State, under the Authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of the several Counties</p>	<p>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,</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 3. The Legislature at its first session after the returns of the national census of eighteen hundred and sixty are published, and in like manner after each subsequent census, shall apportion the members of the House of Delegates among the several counties of the State, according to the population of each, and shall always allow to the city of Baltimore four more delegates than are allowed to the most populous county, but no county shall be entitled to less than two members, nor shall the whole number of delegates ever exceed eighty, or be less than sixty-five; and until the apportionment is made under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty; St. Mary's county shall be entitled to two delegates; Kent, two; Anne Arundel, three; Calvert, two; Charles, two; Baltimore county, six; Talbot, two; Somerset, four; Dorchester, three; Cecil, three; Prince George's, three; Queen Anne's, two; Worcester, three; Frederick, six; Harford, three; Caroline, two; Baltimore city, ten; Washington, five; Montgomery, two; Allegany, four; Carroll, three, and Howard, two.</p>	<p>2. That the house of delegates shall be chosen in the following manner: All freemen above twenty-one years of age, having a freehold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to vote, and residing therein, and all freemen having property in this State above the value of thirty pounds current money, and having resided in the county in which they offer to vote one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage in the election of delegates for such county; and all freemen so qualified shall, on the first Monday of October seven-teen hundred and seventy-seven, and on the same day in every year thereafter, assemble in the counties in which they are respectively qualified to vote, at the court-house in the said counties, or at such other place as the legislature shall direct, and when assembled they shall proceed to elect, <i>viva voce</i>, four delegates for their respective counties, of the most wise, sensible, and discreet of the people, residents in the county where they are to be chosen one whole year next preceding the election, above twenty-one years of age, and having in the State real or personal property above the value of five hundred pounds current money, and upon the final casting of the polls the four persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared and returned duly elected for their respective county.</p> <p>4. That all persons, qualified by the charter of the</p>	<p>Proposed by Act of 1798, chapter 115. Ratified 1799.</p> <p>Sec. 2. All and every part of the Constitution and form of government, relating to the Judges, time, place and manner of holding elections in the City of Baltimore, and all and every part of the second, third, fifth, fourteenth and forty second Sections of the Constitution and form of Government of this state, which relate to the Judges, place, time, and manner of holding the several Elections for Delegates electors of the Senate, and sheriffs of the several Counties be and the same are hereby abrogated, repealed and annulled and the same shall hereafter be regulated by Law.</p> <p>Proposed by Act of 1809, chapter 198. Ratified 1810.</p> <p>All such parts of the constitution and form of government as require a property qualification in persons to be appointed or holding offices of profit or trust in this State, and in persons elected members of the legislature or electors of the senate, shall be and the same are hereby repealed and abolished.</p> <p>Proposed by Act of 1835, chapter 98. Ratified 1836.</p> <p>On the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and thirty seven, and on the same day annually thereafter, the citizens of Baltimore City having the necessary qualifications of voters under the constitution, shall vote for and elect four persons as members of the House of Delegates, instead</p>