

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Senators: Division into classes; terms.	Sec. 8. Vacant.	<p>Sec. 8. Immediately after the Senate shall have convened, after the first election, under this Constitution, the Senators shall be divided by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be—Senators of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and Senators shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the term of four years, to supply their places; so that, after the first election, one-half of the Senators may be chosen every second year. In case the number of Senators be hereafter increased, such classification of the additional Senators shall be made as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number in each class.</p>	<p>Sec. 7. Immediately after the Senate shall have convened after the first election under this Constitution, the Senators shall be divided by lot into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be—Senators of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and Senators shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, for the term of four years, to supply their places, so that after the first election, one-half of the Senators may be chosen every second year. In case the number of Senators be hereinafter increased, such classification of the additional Senators shall be made as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number in each class.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 6. Immediately after the Senate shall have convened after the first election under this Constitution, the senators shall be divided, by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be—the senators of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and senators shall be elected on the first Wednesday of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, for the term of four years, to supply their places; so that, after the first election, one-half of the senators may be chosen every second year; provided, that in no case shall any senator be placed in a class which shall entitle him to serve for a longer term than that for which he was elected. In case the number of senators be hereafter increased, such classification of the additional senators shall be made as to preserve as nearly as may be an equal number in each class.</p>	<p>missioned by the governor; but if the senate shall not concur in the recommendation of any of the persons proposed as aforesaid, then shall a joint ballot of both houses be taken in manner aforesaid for persons to be recommended for such officers, and the persons in whose favour such ballot shall pass, shall be commissioned as aforesaid.</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 1836, chapter 197. Ratified 1837.</p> <p>Sec. 3. . . . whose term of office shall commence on the day fixed by law for the commencement of the regular session of the General Assembly next succeeding such election, and continue for two, four or six years according to the classification of a quorum of its members; . . . and immediately after the Senate shall have con-</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 for 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</p>		