

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
House of Delegates and Senate: Judge of qualifications; election of members; appointment of officers; determination of rules; punishment of members; and expulsion of members.	Sec. 19. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, as prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State; shall appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly, or disrespectful behavior, and with the consent of two-thirds of its whole number of members elected, expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.	Sec. 19. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, as prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State; shall appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds of its, whole number of members elected, expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.	Sec. 18. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, subject to the laws of the State; shall appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds of its whole number of members elected, expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.
House of Delegates and Senate: Quorum; procedure without quorum.	Sec. 20. A majority of the whole number of members elected to each House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as each House may prescribe.	Sec. 20. A majority of the whole number of members elected to each House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as each House may prescribe.	Sec. 19. A majority of the whole number of members elected to each House, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties, as each House may prescribe.
House of Delegates: Open sessions; secret business.	Sec. 21. The doors of each House, and of the Committee of the Whole, shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.	Sec. 21. The doors of each House, and of the Committee of the Whole, shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.	Sec. 20. The doors of each House and of the committees of the whole shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.
House of Delegates and Senate: Journal, recording of votes.	Sec. 22. Each House shall keep a Journal of its proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question, shall at the call of any five of them in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the Journal.	Sec. 22. Each House shall keep a Journal of its proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question, shall at the call of any five of them in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the Journal.	Sec. 21. The House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question shall, at the call of any five of them in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the journal.

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
Sec. 12. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, subject to the laws of the State—appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds, expel a member; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.	9. That the house of delegates shall judge of the elections and qualifications of delegates. 21. That the senate shall judge of the elections and qualification of senators. 24. That each house shall appoint its own officers, and settle its own rules of proceeding.	
Sec. 13. A majority of each House shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each House may prescribe.	8. That not less than a majority of the delegates, with their speaker, (to be chosen by them by ballot) constitute an house for the transacting any business, other than that of adjourning. 20. That not less than a majority of the senate, with their president, (to be chosen by them by ballot) shall constitute an house for the transacting any business, other than that of adjourning.	
Sec. 14. The doors of each House and of committees of the whole shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.		
Sec. 15. Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question shall, at the call of any five of them, in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the journal.		