

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Contested Elections: Provision by General Assembly.	<p>Sec. 47. The General Assembly, shall make provisions for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers, not herein provided for.</p>	<p>Sec. 47. The General Assembly shall make provisions for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers, not herein provided for.</p>	<p>may be required to extend the Constitution and laws of this State over such territory, and may create courts conformably to the Constitution for such territory, and may for that purpose increase the number of Judges of the Court of Appeals.</p>
Corporations: Creation. Charters: Repeal; alteration contingent upon surrender of tax exemption.	<p>Sec. 48. Corporations may be formed under general Laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes and except in cases where no general Laws exist, providing for the creation of corporations of the same general character, as the corporation proposed to be created; and any act of incorporation passed in violation of this section shall be void. All charters granted, or adopted, in pursuance of this section, and all charters heretofore granted and created, subject to repeal or modification, may be altered, from time to time, or be repealed; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to Banks, or the corporation thereof. The General Assembly shall not alter or amend the charter of any corporation existing at the time of the adoption of this Article, or pass any other</p>	<p>Sec. 48. Corporations may be formed under general Laws; but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and except in cases, where no general Laws exist, providing for the creation of corporations of the same general character, as the corporation proposed to be created; and any act of incorporation, passed in violation of this section shall be void. And as soon as practicable, after the adoption of this Constitution, it shall be the duty of the Governor, to appoint three persons learned in the Law, whose duty it shall be, to prepare drafts of general Laws, providing for the creation of corporations, in such cases as may be proper, and for all other cases, where a general Law can be made; and for revising and amending, so far as may be necessary, or expedient, the general Laws which may be in</p>	<p>Sec. 46. The General Assembly shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.</p>
			<p>Sec. 51. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes and in cases where, in the judgment of the General Assembly, the object of the corporation cannot be attained under general laws. All laws and special acts, pursuant to this section, may be altered from time to time, or repealed; <i>Provided</i>, nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, change or amend, in any manner, the section in relation to banks.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 48. The Legislature shall make provision for all cases of contested elections of any of the officers not herein provided for.</p>		
	<p>Sec. 47. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal purposes, and in cases where, in the judgment of the Legislature, the object of the corporation cannot be attained under general laws. All laws and special acts pursuant to this section may be altered from time to time, or repealed; <i>provided</i> nothing herein contained shall be construed to alter, change or amend in any manner the article in relation to Banks.</p>	