

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Judicial power: Enumeration of courts; courts of record; seal; appointment of judges.	ARTICLE IV. JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT. Part I. General Provisions. Section 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, and such intermediate courts of appeal, as shall be provided by law by the General Assembly, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the City of Baltimore, as are hereinafter provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and each shall have a seal to be used in the authentication of all process issuing therefrom. The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practiced in this State, or may hereafter be prescribed by Law. Sec. 2. The Judges of all of the said Courts shall be citizens of the State of Maryland, and qualified voters under this Constitution, and shall have resided therein not less than five years, and not less than six months next preceding their election, or appointment, as the case may be, in the city, county, judicial circuit, intermediate appellate judicial circuit or appellate judicial circuit for which they may be, respectively, elected, or appointed. They shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their election, or appointment, and shall be selected from those who have been admitted to practice Law in this	ARTICLE IV. JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT. Part I. General Provisions. Section 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the City of Baltimore as may be hereinafter prescribed or provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and each shall have a seal, to be used in the authentication of all process issuing from them. The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practised in this State, or may hereafter be prescribed by Law. Sec. 2. The Judges of the several Courts, except the Judges of the Orphans' Courts, shall be citizens of the United States, and residents of this State, not less than five years next preceding their election, or appointment by the Executive in case of a vacancy; and not less than one year next preceding their election or appointment, residents in the Judicial District or Circuit, as the case may be, for which they may be elected or appointed; they shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their election and selected from those who have been admitted to practice law in this State, and who are	ARTICLE IV. JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT. Part I. General Provisions. Section 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the City of Baltimore as are hereinafter provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and each shall have a seal to be used in the authentication of all process issuing therefrom. The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practiced in this State, or may hereafter be prescribed by Law. Sec. 2. The Judges of all of the said Courts shall be citizens of the State of Maryland, and qualified voters under this Constitution, and shall have resided therein not less than five years, and not less than six months next preceding their election, or appointment, in the Judicial Circuit, as the case may be, for which they may be, respectively, elected, or appointed. They shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their election, or appointment, and shall be selected from those who have been admitted to practice Law in this State, and who are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
ARTICLE IV. JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT. Section 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, in Circuit Courts, in such Courts for the city of Baltimore as may be hereinafter prescribed, and in Justices of the Peace. Sec. 4. The State shall be divided into four Judicial districts: Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Baltimore and Harford counties, shall compose the first; Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's, the second; Baltimore city, the third; and Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, shall compose the fourth district. And one person from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practice in this State, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and above the	56. That there be a court of appeals, composed of persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, whose judgment shall be final and conclusive in all cases of appeal, from the general court, court of chancery, and court of admiralty; That one person of integrity and sound judgment in the law, be appointed chancellor; 56. . . . That three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, be appoint judges of the court now called the provincial court; and that the same court be hereafter called and known by the name of <i>the general court</i>; which court shall sit on the western and eastern shores for transacting and determining the business of the respective shores, at such times and places as the future legislature of this State shall direct and appoint.	Proposed by Act of 1804, chapter 55. Ratified 1805. Section 1. . . . and there shall be appointed for each of the said Judicial Districts three persons of Integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of the State of Maryland, who shall previous to, and during their acting as Judges, reside in the District for which they shall respectively be appointed. . . .