

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION STUDY DOCUMENTS

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Chancellor: Appointment; term; removal.			
General Assembly's power to create intermediate Court of Appeals.	Sec. 14A. The General Assembly may by Law create such intermediate courts of appeal, as may be necessary. The General Assembly may prescribe the inter-		

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COMPARISON

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
Sec. 23. The present Chancellor and the Register in Chancery, and, in the event of any vacancy in their respective offices, their successors in office respectively, who are to be appointed as at present, by the Governor and Senate, shall continue in office, with the powers and compensation as at present established, until the expiration of two years after the adoption of this Constitution by the people, and until the end of the session of the Legislature next thereafter, after which the said offices of Chancellor and Register shall be abolished. The Legislature shall, in the mean time, provide by law for the recording, safe-keeping, or other disposition, of the records, decrees, and other proceedings of the Court of Chancery, and for the copying and attestation thereof, and for the custody and use of the Great Seal of the State, when required, after the expiration of the said two years, and for transmitting to the said counties, and to the city of Baltimore, all the cases and proceedings in said Court then undisposed of and unfinished, in such manner, and under such regulations as may be deemed necessary and proper: <i>Provided</i>, that no new business shall originate in the said Court, nor shall any cause be removed to the same from any other court, from and after the ratification of this Constitution.	48. That the governor for the time being, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint the chancellor, and all judges and justices, the attorney general, naval officers, officers in the regular land and sea service, officers of the militia, registers of the land office, surveyors, and all other civil officers of government (assessors, constables and overseers of the roads only excepted), and may also suspend or remove any civil officer who has not a commission during good behaviour, and may suspend any militia officer for one month, and may also suspend or remove any regular officer in the land or sea service; and the governor may remove or suspend any militia officer in pursuance of the judgment of a court martial. 40. That the chancellor, all judges, the attorney-general, the clerks of the general court, the clerks of the county courts, the registers of the land-office, and the registers of wills, shall hold their commissions during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law.	