

| Headnotes | Present Constitution  | Constitution of 1867  | Constitution of 1864   |
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|           | <p>ty-five years and at least five years preceding his election, a citizen of the State, to the office of Sheriff. He shall hold office for four years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified; shall give such bond, exercise such powers and perform such duties as now are or may hereafter be fixed by Law.</p> <p>In case of vacancy by death, resignation, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify, or give bond, or by disqualification or removal from the County or City, the Governor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the official term.</p> <p>The Sheriff in each county and in Baltimore City shall receive such salary or compensation and such expenses necessary to the conduct of his office as may be fixed by Law. All fees collected by the Sheriff shall be accounted for and paid to the Treasury of the several counties and of Baltimore City, respectively.</p> | <p>least five years preceding his election, a citizen of this State, to the office of Sheriff. He shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified; shall be ineligible for two years thereafter, shall give such bond, exercise such powers, and perform such duties as now are, or may hereafter be fixed by Law. In case of a vacancy by death, resignation, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify, or give bond, or by disqualification, or removal from the county, or city, the Governor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the official term.</p> | <p>least five years preceding his election, a citizen of this State, to the office of Sheriff. He shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified; shall be ineligible for two years thereafter, shall give such bond, exercise such powers, and perform such duties as now are or may hereafter be fixed by law. In case of a vacancy by death, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify or give bond, by disqualification or removal from the county or city, the Governor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the official term.</p> |

| Constitution of 1851  | Constitution of 1776   | Amendments to 1776 Constitution   |
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| <p>votes of the qualified voters of said county or city, or if both have an equal number, either of them, at the discretion of the Governor, to be commissioned by the Governor for the said office, and, having served for two years, such person shall be ineligible for the two years next succeeding; bond with security, to be taken every year, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same be given. In case of death, refusal, disqualification or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the said two years, the other person chosen as aforesaid, shall be commissioned by the Governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said two years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid. No person shall be eligible to the office of sheriff but a resident of such county or city respectively, who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years preceding his election, and above the age of twenty-one years. The two candidates, properly qualified, having the highest number of legal ballots, shall be declared duly elected for the office of sheriff for such county or city, and returned to the Governor, with a certificate of the number of ballots for each of them.</p> | <p>number, either of them, at the discretion of the governor, to be commissioned by the governor for the said office, and having served for three years, such person shall be ineligible for the four years next succeeding, bond with security to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same is given. In case of death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid, shall be commissioned by the governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid, and in case of his death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the said three years, the governor, with the advice of the council, may nominate and commission a fit and proper person to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond and security as aforesaid; the election shall be held at the same time and place appointed for the election of delegates, and the justices there summoned to attend for the preservation of the peace shall be judges thereof, and of the qualification of candidates, who shall appoint a clerk to take the ballots; all freemen above the age of twenty-one years, having a freehold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to ballot, and residing therein, and all freemen above the age of</p> | <p>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><b>Proposed by Act of 1842, chapter 246. Ratified 1843.</b></p> <p>Sec. 1. At the next election for Sheriff, and every third year thereafter, a sheriff shall be elected by the Voters of Baltimore County, excluding the City of Baltimore, as sheriffs are now elected in other Counties of this State and shall exclusively perform the duties of sheriff within the limits of said County, excluding Baltimore City; and shall perform such duties within the City of Baltimore as shall be necessary for the proper performance of his duties as sheriff of Said County, as the Legislature shall by law hereafter direct.</p> <p>Sec. 2. At the next election for sheriff and every third year thereafter, a sheriff shall be elected for the City of Baltimore, by the voters residing in Said City, whose duties shall be confined to the limits of Said City, in the same manner as sheriffs are now elected for the Counties of the State.</p> |