

proper arrangements and agreements for the renewal and extension, in whole or in part, of any and all debts and obligations created according to law before the adoption of this Constitution.\*

SEC. 8. All Laws and Ordinances now in force applicable to the City of Baltimore, not inconsistent with this Article, shall be, and they are hereby continued until changed in due course of law.

SEC. 9. The General Assembly may make such changes in this Article, except in Section 7 thereof, as it may deem best; and this Article shall not be so construed or taken as to make the political corporation of Baltimore independent of, or free from the control which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such Corporations in this State.

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### CHANGES MADE IN THIS ARTICLE BY THE CHARTER OF BALTIMORE CITY AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Article XI-A of the Constitution, the voters at the election in November, 1918, have changed the following provisions:

16. The inhabitants of the City of Baltimore qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, elect by ballot a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, over twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and five years a resident of said City next preceding the election, and assessed with property in said City to the amount of two thousand dollars and, who has paid taxes thereon for two years preceding his election, to be Mayor of the City of Baltimore; but the Mayor chosen at the first election under this section shall not enter upon the discharge of the office until the expiration of the term for which the present Mayor was elected; unless the said office of Mayor shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from the State or other disqualification of the present Mayor.

20. The term of Mayor shall commence on the Tuesday next after the third Monday of May succeeding his election, and continue for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and he shall receive a salary of six thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. He may appoint such persons to aid him in the discharge of his duties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

\* Thus amended by Act of 1933, Chapter 456, ratified by the people November, 1934.