

# Constitution

## ARTICLE I.

### ELECTIVE FRANCHISE

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot; and every white\* male\*\* citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the Legislative District of Baltimore city, or of the county, in which he may offer to vote, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts, for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senators, Delegates, or other Officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county, or part of the county, or city, which shall form a part of the electoral district, in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person, who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

†SECTION 1A. The General Assembly of Maryland shall have power to provide suitable enactment for voting by qualified voters of the State of Maryland who are absent and engaged in the military or naval service of the United States at the time of any election from the ward or election district in which they are entitled to vote, and for the manner in which and the time and place at which such absent voters may vote, and for the canvass and return of their votes.

SEC. 2. No person above the age of twenty-one years, convicted of larceny or other infamous crime, unless pardoned by the Governor, shall ever thereafter be entitled to vote at any election in this State; and no person under guardianship, as a lunatic, or as a person *non compos mentis*, shall be entitled to vote.

\* The word "white" became inoperative under the 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

\*\* The word "male" became inoperative under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

† Thus amended by Ch. 20, Acts of 1918, ratified by the people November 5, 1918.