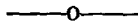


SEC. 20. He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons, except in cases of impeachment, and in cases, in which he is prohibited by other Articles of this Constitution; and to remit fines and forfeitures for offences against the State; but shall not remit the principal or interest of any debt due the State, except in cases of fines and forfeitures; and before granting a *nolle prosequi*, or pardon, he shall give notice, in one or more newspapers, of the application made for it, and of the day on, or after which, his decision will be given; and in every case, in which he exercises this power, he shall report to either Branch of the Legislature, whenever required, the petitions, recommendations and reasons, which influenced his decision.

SEC. 21. The Governor shall reside at the seat of government, and, from and after the second Wednesday in January, 1955, shall receive for his services an annual salary of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.¹

SEC. 22. A Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall continue in office, unless sooner removed by the Governor, till the end of the official term of the Governor from whom he received his appointment, and receive such annual salary as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe.²

SEC. 23. The Secretary of State shall carefully keep and preserve a Record of all official acts and proceedings, which may at all times be inspected by a committee of either Branch of the Legislature; and he shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Law, or as may properly belong to his office, together with all clerical duty belonging to the Executive Department.



ARTICLE III.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The Legislature shall consist of two distinct branches; a Senate, and a House of Delegates; and shall be styled the General Assembly of Maryland.

³ SEC. 2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into six legislative districts as near as may be of equal population

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 315 of the Acts of 1953, ratified by the voters November 2, 1954.

² Thus amended by Chapter 42 of the Acts of 1954, ratified by the voters November 2, 1954.

³ Thus amended by Chapter 7, Acts of 1922, ratified November 7, 1922; and by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified November 6, 1956.