

**Elected by the People for Three Years Under the Constitution of 1776
as Amended in 1838**

William Grason.....	Queen Anne's County	1839
Francis Thomas.....	Frederick County	1842
Thomas G. Pratt.....	Prince George's County.....	1845
Philip F. Thomas.....	Talbot County	1848
Enoch Louis Lowe.....	Frederick County	1851

Elected Under the Constitution of 1851 by the People for Four Years

Thomas Watkins Ligon.....	Howard County	1854
Thomas Holliday Hicks.....	Dorchester County	1858
Augustus W. Bradford.....	Baltimore County	1862

Elected Under the Constitution of 1864 by the People for Four Years

Thomas Swann.....	Baltimore City	1866
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Elected Under the Constitution of 1867 by the People for Four Years

Oden Bowie ¹	Prince George's County.....	1869
William Pinkney Whyte.....	Baltimore City.....	1872
James Black Groome ²	Cecil County	1874
John Lee Carroll.....	Howard County.....	1876
William T. Hamilton.....	Washington County.....	1880
Robert M. McLane.....	Baltimore City.....	1884
Henry Lloyd ³	Dorchester County.....	1885
Elihu E. Jackson.....	Wicomico County.....	1888
Frank Brown.....	Carroll County.....	1892
Lloyd Lowndes.....	Allegany County.....	1896
John Walter Smith.....	Worcester County.....	1900
Edwin Warfield.....	Howard County.....	1904
Austin L. Crothers.....	Cecil County.....	1908
Phillips Lee Goldsborough.....	Dorchester County.....	1912
Emerson C. Harrington.....	Dorchester County.....	1916
Albert C. Ritchie ⁴	Baltimore City.....	1920
Harry W. Nice.....	Baltimore City.....	1935
Herbert R. O'Connor.....	Baltimore City.....	1939
Wm. Preston Lane, Jr.....	Washington County.....	1947
Theodore R. McKeldin.....	Baltimore City.....	1951
J. Millard Tawes.....	Somerset County.....	1959

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GOVERNORS' COUNCILS, 1777-1838

The Constitution of 1776 (Art. XXVI) provided that both houses of the Legislature elect by joint ballot five men to be "the Council to the Governor." This was an advisory body of considerable influence. It was also provided that on the death, removal, or incapacity of the Governor the first named of the Council should become Governor and proceed to the calling of a special session of the Legislature for the election of a new Governor. The Council was abolished

¹ Served three years by special provision of the Constitution.

² Became Governor on the resignation of Governor Whyte, March 1874.

³ Became Governor on the resignation of Governor McLane, March 1885.

⁴ Due to constitutional amendment of 1922, providing for quadrennial elections, the Governor elected in 1923 served three years. Thereafter gubernatorial terms began in odd years.