

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.

¹SEC. 2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into six legislative districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said legislative districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county in the State, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said legislative districts of Baltimore City and of the counties of the State, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election.

SEC. 3. Vacant.²

³SEC. 4. The General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory.

⁴SEC. 5. The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates, apportioned as follows: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties, two Delegates each; Cecil, Garrett, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester Counties, three Delegates each; Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Wicomico Counties, four Delegates each; Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and each of the six legislative districts of Baltimore City, six Delegates each.

SEC. 6. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Counties, and the Legislative Districts of Baltimore city, respectively, to serve for four years, from the day of their election.⁵

SEC. 7. The election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 7, Acts of 1922, ratified November 7, 1922; and by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified November 6, 1956.

² Repealed by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, adopted by the voters November 6, 1956.

³ Thus amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, adopted by the voters November 6, 1956.

⁴ Thus amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, adopted by the voters November 6, 1956. Held invalid in *Committee v. Tawes*, 228 Md. 412, 180 A(2d) 656; See Art. 40, Sec. 42 of 1962 Supplement, Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition).

⁵ Thus amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, adopted by the voters November 6, 1956.