

Servant or Contractor, after the service shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into; nor shall the salary or compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office. Provided, however, from and after January 1, 1956, for services rendered after that date, that the salary or compensation of any appointed public officer of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may be increased or diminished at any time during his term of office; except that as to officers in the Classified City Service, when the salary of any appointed public officer of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be so increased or decreased, it shall not again be increased or decreased as the case may be, during the term of such public officer.

¹ SEC. 35A. Nothing in this Constitution shall exempt the salary or compensation of any judge or other public officer from the imposition by the General Assembly of a non-discriminatory tax upon income.

² SEC. 36. No Lottery grant shall ever hereafter be authorized by the General Assembly, unless it is a lottery to be operated by and for the benefit of the State.

SEC. 37. The General Assembly shall pass no Law providing for payment by this State, for Slaves emancipated from servitude in this State; but they shall adopt such measures, as they may deem expedient, to obtain from the United States, compensation for such Slaves, and to receive, and distribute the same, equitably, to the persons entitled.

³ SEC. 38. No person shall be imprisoned for debt, but a valid decree of a court of competent jurisdiction or agreement approved by decree of said court for the support of a wife or dependent children, or for the support of an illegitimate child or children, or for alimony, shall not constitute a debt within the meaning of this section.

⁴ SEC. 39. The books, papers and accounts of all banks shall be open to inspection under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

SEC. 40. The General Assembly shall enact no Law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, as agreed upon between the parties, or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation.

¹ Thus added by Chapter 771, Acts of 1939, ratified November 5, 1940.

² Thus amended by Chapter 364, Acts of 1972, ratified November 7, 1972.

³ Thus amended by Chapter 121, Acts of 1962, ratified November 7, 1972.

⁴ Thus amended by Chapter 151, Acts of Sp. Sess. of 1936, ratified Nov. 3, 1936.