

SEC. 6.²²⁸ No law, licensing, regulating, prohibiting, or submitting to local option, the manufacture or sale of malt or spirituous liquors, shall be referred or repealed under the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE XVII.²²⁹

QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1.²³⁰ The purpose of this Article is to reduce the number of elections by providing that all State and county elections shall be held only in every fourth year, and at the time provided by law for holding congressional elections, and to bring the terms of appointive officers into harmony with the changes effected in the time of the beginning of the terms of elective officers. The administrative and judicial officers of the State shall construe the provisions of this Article so as to effectuate that purpose. For the purpose of this Article only the word "officers" shall be construed to include those holding positions and other places of employment in the State and county governments whose terms are fixed by law, but it shall not include any appointments made by the Board of Public Works, nor appointments by the Governor for terms of three years.

SEC. 2.²³¹ Vacant.

SEC. 3.²³² All State and county officers elected by qualified voters (except judges of the Circuit Courts, judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, judges of the Court of Appeals and judges of any intermediate courts of appeal) shall hold office for terms of four years, and until their successors shall qualify.

SEC. 4.²³³ The term of office of all Judges and other officers, for whose election provision is made by this Constitution, shall, except in cases otherwise expressly provided herein, commence from the time of their Election. All such officers shall qualify as soon after their election as practicable, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately upon their qualification.

SEC. 5.²³⁴ All officers to be appointed by the Governor shall hold office for the terms fixed by law. All officers appointed by County Commissioners shall hold office for terms of four years, unless otherwise duly changed by law.

SEC. 6.²³⁵ The terms of the members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the several counties shall commence on the first Monday of June next ensuing their appointment.

SEC. 7.²³⁶ Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 of this Article do not apply or refer to members of any elective local board of education.

SEC. 8.²³⁷ If at any election directed by this Constitution, any two or more candidates shall have the highest and an equal number of votes, a new election shall be ordered by the Governor, except in cases specially provided for by this Constitution.

SEC. 9.²³⁸ In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Article and any of the other provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of this Article shall prevail, and all other provisions shall be repealed or abrogated to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 10.²³⁹ Vacant.

SEC. 11.²⁴⁰ Vacant.

SEC. 12.²⁴¹ Vacant.

SEC. 13.²⁴² Vacant.

ARTICLE XVIII.²⁴³

PROVISIONS OF LIMITED DURATION.

SEC. 1. Any provision of limited duration adopted pursuant to Article XIV is set forth below. As each expires, it shall stand repealed, and no further action shall be required to remove it from the Constitution.

SEC. 2.²⁴⁴ (a) For the purpose of implementing the amendments, proposed by Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1980 (H.B. 1729) (OLR3623) or (S.B. 784) (OLR0746), concerning the creation of a consolidated Circuit Court of Baltimore City, this section temporarily is a part of Article IV—Judiciary Department, secs. 5, 25, and 26 of the Constitution. This section shall expire (in accordance with Article XIV, sec. 1A of the Constitution), when, under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, all of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City who are serving on December 31, 1982 have completed their then existing terms, or have otherwise vacated their offices without completing those terms.

(b) Each judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, who is in office on December 31, 1982, shall continue in office as a judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, for the remainder of the term to which he was appointed or elected, subject to the provisions of Article IV, sections 3, 4, 4A, 4B, and 5 of the Constitution.

228 Amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

229 Added by Chapter 227, Acts of 1922, ratified Nov. 7, 1922.

230 Originally Article XVII, sec. 11, transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

231 Left vacant by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

232 Originally Article XVII, sec. 1(a), transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978. As sec. 1(a) it was amended by Chapter 10, Acts of 1966, ratified Nov. 8, 1966; Chapter 370, Acts of 1972, ratified Nov. 7, 1972.

233 Originally Article XV, sec. 9, transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

234 Originally Article XVII, sec. 4, transferred by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978. As sec. 4 it was amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956.

235 Originally Article XVII, sec. 8, transferred by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

236 Originally Article XVII, sec. 1(b), transferred and amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978. As sec. 1(b) it was amended by Chapter 10, Acts of 1966, ratified Nov. 8, 1966; Chapter 370, Acts of 1972, ratified Nov. 7, 1972.

237 Transferred from Article XV, sec. 4, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

238 Transferred from Article XVII, sec. 13, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

239 Repealed by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956.

240 Amended and transferred to Article XVII, sec. 1, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

241 Repealed by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956.

242 Transferred to Article XVII, sec. 9, by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

243 Added by Chapter 680, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

244 Added by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.