

## 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.

Under the constitution, the power to enact laws belongs to the general assembly, composed of the senate and house of delegates; the power thus delegated cannot be re-delegated to the people themselves; the legislature may, however, confer upon municipal corporations the power to pass local laws. *Bradshaw v. Lankford*, 73 Md. 430.

The meaning of the term "general assembly" as used in this section, referred to in determining that the Governor was not embraced in that term as used in article 14, section 1—see notes thereto. *Warfield v. Vandiver*, 101 Md. 111.

This section referred to in construing article 3, section 29—see notes thereto. *Postal Tel. Co. v. State*, 110 Md. 612.

Sec. 2. Each County in the State, and each of the three Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, as they are now, or may hereafter be defined, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Counties, and of the Legislative Districts of Baltimore City, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election, subject to the classification of Senators, hereafter provided for.

[Sec. 2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into four 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, subject to the classification of Senators hereafter provided for.]\*

See article 11 of the Md. constitution.

Sec. 3. Until the taking and publishing of the next National Census, or until the enumeration of the population of this State, under the authority thereof, the several counties and the City of Baltimore shall have a representation in the House of Delegates, as follows: Allegany, five Delegates; Anne Arundel County, three Delegates; Baltimore County, six Delegates; each of the three Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore, six Delegates; Calvert County, two Delegates; Caroline County, two Delegates; Carroll County, four Delegates; Cecil County, four Delegates; Charles County, two Delegates; Dorchester County, three Delegates; Frederick County, six Delegates; Harford County, four Delegates; Howard County, two Delegates; Kent County, two Delegates; Montgomery County, three Delegates; Prince George's County, three Delegates; Queen Anne's County, two Delegates; St.

\*Thus amended by the act of 1900, chapter 469, ratified November, 1901.