

tracts made for printing, stationery, and purchases for the public offices, and the library, and all expenditures therein, and upon all matters of alleged abuse in expenditures, to which their attention may be called by resolution of either house of the General Assembly.

Contracts
Abuse in expenditures

SEC 25 Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days at any one time, nor adjourn to any other place than that in which the house shall be sitting, without the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present

Special adjournments

SEC 26 The House of Delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment in all cases; but a majority of all the members elected must concur in the impeachment. All impeachments shall be tried by the Senate, and, when sitting for that purpose, the senators shall be on oath, or affirmation, to do justice according to the law and the evidence; but no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of all the senators elected.

Impeachment

SEC 27. Any bill may originate in either house of the General Assembly, and be altered, amended, or rejected by the other; but no bill shall originate in either house during the last ten days of the session, unless two-thirds of the members elected thereto shall so determine by yeas and nays; nor shall any bill become a law until it be read on three different days of the session in each house, unless two-thirds of the members elected to the house, where such bill is pending, shall so determine by yeas and nays; and no bill shall be read a third time until it shall have been actually engrossed for a third reading

Either house may originate bills

SEC 28 No bill shall become a law unless it be passed in each house by a majority of the whole number of members elected, and, on its final passage, the yeas and nays be recorded; nor shall any resolution, requiring the action of both houses, be passed except in the same manner.

Passage of bills

SEC 29 The style of all laws of this State shall be, "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland;" and all laws shall be passed by original bill; and every law enacted by the General Assembly shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be described in its title; and no law, nor section of law, shall be revived or amended by reference to its title or section only; nor shall any law be construed, by reason of its title, to grant powers, or confer rights which are not expressly contained in the body of the act; and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, in amending any article or section of the Code of Laws of this State, to enact the same as the said article or section would read when amended. And whenever the General Assembly shall enact any public general law, not amendatory of any section or article in the said Code, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to enact the same, in articles and sections, in the same manner as the Code is arranged, and to provide for the publication of all additions and alterations which may be made to the said Code

Style of laws

Mode of enactment
46 Md 631, 42 Md 403, 34 Md 163, 30 Md 112, 29 Md 377, 23 Md 512, 7 Md 151, 1852, res 14, 11 Md 525, 14 Md 184, 22 Md 126.

SEC 30 Every bill, when passed by the General Assembly, and sealed with the great seal, shall be presented to the governor, who, if he approves it, shall sign the same in the presence of the presiding officers and chief clerks of the Senate and House of Delegates. Every law shall be recorded in the office of the Court of Appeals, and in due time be printed, published, and certified under the great seal, to the several courts, in the same manner as has been heretofore usual in this State

Bills to be signed by governor and recorded in Court of Appeals
42 Md 203, 41 Md 446, 14 Md 184.

SEC 31 No law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect until the first day of June, next after the session at which it may be passed, unless it be otherwise expressly declared therein

When laws to take effect
14 Md 184, 19 Md 96, 1865, c 31

SEC 32 No money shall be drawn from the treasury of the State by any order or resolution, nor except in accordance with an appropriation by law, and every such law shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the object to which it shall be applied; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the General Assembly from placing a contingent fund at the disposal of

Appropriations to be made by law
29 Md 377.
4 Md 189.
Contingent Fund
1854, c 16