

Charters may be repealed
44 Md. 131.

All charters granted or adopted in pursuance of this section, and all charters heretofore granted and created, subject to repeal or modification, may be altered from time to time or be repealed; provided, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to banks or the incorporation thereof.

Regulation of elections.

SEC 49 The General Assembly shall have power to regulate by law, not inconsistent with this Constitution, all matters which relate to the judges of election, time, place, and manner of holding elections in this State, and of making returns thereof.

Bribery.

SEC 50 It shall be the duty of the General Assembly, at its first session, held after the adoption of this Constitution, to provide by law for the punishment, by fine or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the court, of any person who shall bribe, or attempt to bribe, any executive or judicial officer of the State of Maryland, or any member or officer of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, or of any municipal corporation in the State of Maryland, or any executive officer of such corporation, in order to influence him in the performance of any of his official duties; and also to provide by law for the punishment, by fine or imprisonment in the Penitentiary, or both, in the discretion of the court, of any of said officers or members who shall demand or receive any bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting or failing to perform the same; and also to provide by law for compelling any person, so bribing or attempting to bribe, or so demanding or receiving a bribe, fee, reward, or testimonial, to testify against any person or persons who may have committed any of said offences; provided, that any person so compelled to testify, shall be exempted from trial and punishment for the offence of which he may have been guilty; and any person convicted of such offence, shall, as part of the punishment thereof, be forever disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this State

Punishment

Evidence.

Disqualification.

Taxation of personal property.

SEC 51. The personal property of residents of this State shall be subject to taxation in the county or city where the resident *bonâ fide* resides for the greater part of the year, for which the tax may or shall be levied, and not elsewhere, except goods and chattels permanently located, which shall be taxed in the city or county where they are so located

Appropriations for private claims.

SEC 52 The General Assembly shall appropriate no money out of the treasury for payment of any private claim against the State exceeding three hundred dollars, unless said claim shall have been first presented to the comptroller of the treasury, together with the proofs upon which the same is founded, and reported upon by him

Witness
Race or color

SEC 53 No person shall be incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly

No county to contract debt unless authorized

SEC 54. No county of this State shall contract any debt or obligation in the construction of any railroad, canal, or other work of internal improvement, nor give or loan its credit to, or in aid of, any association or corporation, unless authorized by an act of the General Assembly, which shall be published for two months before the next election for members of the House of Delegates in the newspapers published in such county, and shall also be approved by a majority of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly at its next session after said election.

Habeas Corpus.

SEC 55 The General Assembly shall pass no law suspending the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Laws to execute vested powers.

SEC 56 The General Assembly shall have power to pass all such laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this Constitution in any department or office of the government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.

Rate of interest.
13 Md 202, 45
Md 541, 546.

SEC 57 The legal rate of interest shall be *six per cent. per annum*, unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.