

Sec. 9. The General Assembly may make such changes in this Article, except in Section 7th thereof, as it may deem best; and this Article shall not be so construed or taken as to make the political corporation of Baltimore independent of, or free from the control which the General Assembly of Maryland has over all such Corporations in this State

*Pumphrey v. Mayor, etc.*, 47 Md 145.

*Amendments to this Article by the new Charter of Baltimore City.*

In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 9, the General Assembly by the Act of 1898, Chapter 123, commonly called the New Charter of Baltimore City, changed the tenure, qualifications and time of election of the Mayor and members of the City Council, as follows, viz :

MAYOR.

1898, ch. 123.

16. The inhabitants of the City of Baltimore qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, elect by ballot a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, over twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and five years a resident of said City next preceding the election, and assessed with property in said City to the amount of two thousand dollars, and who has paid taxes thereon for two years preceding his election, to be Mayor of the City of Baltimore; but the Mayor chosen at the first election under this section shall not enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office until the expiration of the term for which the present Mayor was elected; unless the said office of Mayor shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from the State or other disqualification of the present Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

209. The Legislative Department of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be vested in the City Council, which shall consist of two Branches, one of which shall be the First Branch and the other the Second Branch.

210. The First Branch shall consist of one member from each ward of the City, who shall be a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, a resident of the City three years preceding his election, and for the same time.