

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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Term of office—eligibility.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the governor shall hold his office, during the term of three years from the time appointed for the annual meeting of the legislature next ensuing his election, and until another governor shall be elected and qualified, but he shall not be eligible as governor, for the three next succeeding years after the expiration of the time for which he shall have been elected.

Qualification

4. *And be it enacted,* That the governor shall be at least thirty years of age, and have been fourteen years a citizen of the United States, and a resident of this state ten years next preceeding his election, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of this state or of the United States.

Impeachment

5. *And be it enacted,* That the governor shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors any misdemeanor in office, but judgment in such case shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit in this state, he shall nevertheless, whethether convicted or acquitted be liable to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

Proceeding tribunal

6. *And be it enacted,* That the house of delegates shall have the sole power of impeaching the governor, but two thirds of all the members shall concur in such impeachment.

Mode of trial

7. *And be it enacted,* That the impeachment of the governor shall be tried by the senate and when sitting for that purpose the senators shall be upon oath or affirmation to do justice according to the evidence; the party accused shall not be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of all the senators.

Reside at seat of government—salary.

8. *And be it enacted,* That the governor shall have his permanent residence at the seat of government, and shall at stated times receive for his services an adequate salary to be fixed by law which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected.

Secretary of state.

9. *And be it enacted,* That there shall be a secretary of state, appointed by the governor, to hold his office during the pleasure of the governor, who shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor, and shall when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto before the legislature or either branch thereof and shall perform such other duties as shall be enjoined on him by law, and shall receive such salary or compensation for his services as may be provided by the legislature.

Death or disqualification of governor

10. *And be it enacted,* That in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of the governor, to discharge the duties and powers of said office, the same shall devolve upon the president of the senate, until another governor shall be elected and qualified as is hereinafter provided for, and in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both governor and president of the senate, the legislature may provide by law what