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Section 7.03. Change of Structure of County Governments.

An amendment to an instrument of government may be proposed to the voters of a county by its governing body or by petition of the voters in the county as prescribed in the instrument of government. An amendment also may be proposed by other means prescribed either in the instrument of government or by the General Assembly by law. An amendment shall be adopted only if approved by a majority of those voting on the proposal.

Section 7.04. Powers of Counties.

A county may exercise any power, other than the judicial power, or perform any function unless that power or function has been denied to the county by the Constitution or by its instrument of government, or has been transferred exclusively to another governmental unit, or has been denied to the county by the General Assembly by law. A county may exercise only those taxing powers granted to it by the General Assembly by law but shall retain taxing powers granted to it prior to the effective date of this Constitution, unless any of those powers are subsequently denied to it by law.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS AND INTRACOUNTY GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Section 7.05. Existing Municipal Corporations.

Municipal corporation shall mean an incorporated city, town, or village, but shall not include Baltimore City or any other county. Municipal corporations existing at the effective date of this Constitution may not be merged or dissolved or have their boundaries altered or have their existing powers withdrawn, without the consent of the governing bodies of the county and the municipal corporations affected, or except as the General Assembly may prescribe by law.