

ARTICLE 9. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 9.01. **Oath.**

Every person elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State, before he enters upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation, the parenthetical language being optional: "(In the presence of Almighty God) I,, do swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof; and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice execute the office of, according to the Constitution and laws of this State." No other oath or affirmation shall be required. Should any person elected or appointed to an office of profit or trust refuse or neglect to take the oath or affirmation, then such office shall be vacant, and shall be filled as prescribed by this Constitution or by law.

Section 9.02. **Conflict of Interest.**

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law a code of ethics, and provide for the regulation of conflicts of interest, for all elected state officers.

Section 9.03. **Limitation on Holding Office.**

No person shall hold at the same time more than one office of profit created by this Constitution or the laws of this State, except as may be prescribed by law.

Section 9.04. **Impeachment.**

The House of Delegates shall have the sole power of impeachment of elected state officers, judges, and any other state officers who may be designated by the General Assembly by law, in cases of serious crimes or serious misconduct in office. The affirmative vote of three-fifths of all the members of the House of Delegates